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夕顔瀬 雅

小岩井れいな

「あんっ!! やーんっ!! 当たっちやっただよっ」

「それじゃ、いくわよ!!」

姫神リゼル





「颯爽登場！」

『カ』
ストレンゲス
の力丸ちゃん！

山王力丸

山王正義

「我の名は、山王正義
ジャスティス
『正義』の魔王候補だ」





じょう と が はま
浄土ヶ浜ロスト

デス
『死神』の魔王候補。他の魔王候補を引き入れ同盟を築くが、その真意は謎。魔王学園に通っていないらしい？

はや ち ね よ な か
早池峰夜鷹

ハンゴドマン
『吊された男』の魔王候補。
リゼルと幼い頃からの因縁がある。



さん の う り き まる
山王力丸

ストロングス
『力』の魔王候補。正義の双子の姉。
天真爛漫。何事も力で解決できると思っている。

さん の う せい ぎ
山王正義

ジャスティス
『正義』の魔王候補。
力丸の双子の妹。自分が信じる正義を頑なに貫く。



しも か づ き
下鹿妻りんね

ローレリアオブフォーチュン
『運命の輪』の魔王候補。自傷行為で発動する
リバイバル
『無限再演』によってわずかだが時を遡る。

がん どう
岩洞バルバトス

銀星学園の校長兼現魔王。
魔界の絶対的支配者だが普段は隠々としたおっさん。

アスピーテ・ライン

ワールド
『世界』の魔王候補。ユートに敗れたトラウマで引きこもっていたが最近復活。

サンサ・サマーズ

サン
『太陽』の魔王候補。

キャラクター紹介



もり お か ゆ う と
盛岡雄斗

ラバーズ
『恋人』の魔王候補。人類初の魔王候補として選ばれる。
インフィニットラバーズ
『無限寵愛』の力で他の魔王候補に立ち向かう。

ひめ かみ
姫神リゼル

ラバーズ クイーン
『恋人』の女王。魔王に押し上げるとユートを誘った張本人で、真面目で誠実なお姉様。



ゆう お お ぜ ゐ や ひ
夕顔瀬雅

ラバーズ プリンセス
『恋人』の王女。ギャルっぽく強い雰囲気とは裏腹に、根は真面目で攻めに弱い。

こ い か い
小岩井れいな

ラバーズ ナイフ
『恋人』の騎士。ドジっ子だが剣の達人。
癒やし担当。



ほし お か
星ガ丘ステラ

スター
『星』の魔王候補。
魔族でありながら現役の人気アイドル。

ネイト・カルナック

チャリオット
『戦車』の魔王候補。
金髪褐色肌の内気な美少女。



こう ま
好摩ルキ

ジャッジメント
『審判』の魔王候補。
人懐っこい男の娘。

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Prologue

“You and, me are.....rebels of the devil king academy?”

I stared at the smiling man before me—Joudogahama Lost.

His head was covered with the hood of his jacket. Underneath the hood there were red hair and golden eyes peering at me.

There wasn't any killing intent, overwhelming presence, or violent mana radiating from him like the other devil king candidates.

Strangely I didn't feel anything conspicuous from his presence and existence.

—However,

What was this? This unpleasant sensation?

It was a chill like when realizing that you were actually standing side by side with death in this ordinary day. Like when a car rushed toward you on the street, or something heavy fell above you at a construction site, or getting attacked by a slasher—misfortune that suddenly visited in the midst of an ordinary day.

The scent of death that was lurking in the daily life.

Unavoidable death that suddenly appeared before one's eyes.

That kind of incomprehensible eeriness was ominously radiating from this man before me.

“Joudogahama Lost.....I don't think I've ever seen you at the devil king academy. What year and class are you?”

Lost shrugged.

“I don't have the qualification to enroll into the devil king academy.”

“Eh? But.....”

Certainly, only upper class people like nobles among the devil race could become a student in the devil king academy.

However there was a rule that the devil king candidate had to enroll into the devil king academy. That was why even a human like me was given permission to enroll into the academy. In that case Lost should also have the qualification.

Besides, the presence that I was sensing from Lost belonged to devil. He wasn't human. Then he should have even less problem than me to enroll.

Lost seemed to guess what I was thinking and answered self-depreciatingly.

“I'm a low class devil you see. The lowest even. I'm not attending the devil academy because.....well, I also have my own circumstances.”

Lost clapped his hands lightly and smiled in a friendly way.

□Rather than talking about me, let's talk about you instead. To be honest, I thought that there wouldn't be an existence lower than me. And yet suddenly I heard that the Lovers devil king candidate is a human. It was shocking you know? To think that there can be someone lower than me.□

Lost chuckled and narrowed his eyes.

□That's why, I have been curious about you all this time. What kind of guy the devil king candidate that is even lower than me at the bottom of the totem pole? Does someone like that even exist? I was half in disbelief.□

□I don't really get whether you are praising me or disparaging me but..... you are treating me like an UMA huh.□

□Of course I'm praising you. You are my idol. After all you are lower than me when here I thought that I'm at the lowest. I even feel envious at you.□

□So.....you came here to check what kind of guy I am?□

□Well, something like that I guess.□

Shit! I never thought I'd encounter a devil king candidate at this kind of place. This place was an outlet mall during holiday. If this became a battle, a lot of people might get dragged into it.

—But, when I quickly checked my surrounding, strangely there wasn't any sign of people at all. Lost seemed to notice my confusion and he lightly spread his hands.

□This is so that nobody will interrupt our talk. I'm using magic to clear out the crowd.□

I felt just a bit relieved. In that case the unrelated people and my parents wouldn't get dragged into this.

□That's a big help. And.....I'm just as you see. Did I disappoint you?□

I thought that he would be disappointed, or perhaps he would feel happy seeing that it would be easy to deal with me—but, Lost replied with an expression as though he was reunited with an old friend.

□No way. I feel there is fate at work here.□

—Fate?

□Also, I thought that you're interesting just as expected.□

□.....Interesting?□

□A devil will look down on the low class devil. A human will fear a demon and try buttering them up. However even human will look down on the low class devil inside their heart if they know about the state of affairs of the demon world. But you aren't behaving like any of those types. You are facing me genuinely without any prejudice or bias.□

□.....That's, normal isn't it?□

□No no. Normally people will evaluate other based on their own standard, classify them, and put a rank on them. But I got the feeling that you are accepting an existence like me as I am without putting me through any filter. Also, you are on your guard, but you hold no hostility at me. That's also interesting.□

□That's not really true. After all you're a devil king candidate. We might fight each other sooner or later.□

But, you don't hate me. You don't want to kill me.□

□Well, that's because I don't have any grudge against you. I'm fighting to obtain the devil king position but, I don't hate my opponents.□

□Why? Even though the devil race is bringing misfortune for the mankind.□ Misfortune?

Lost laughed in amusement, perhaps because I was making a confused face.

□You are really softhearted huh. Haven't you get any bad experience after enrolling into the devil king academy? Like harassment, slander, assault. You should have received various attacks. Am I wrong?□

□That's.....I can't deny that.□

Lost's golden eyes stared piercingly at me.

□Then you gotta take revenge.□

□Revenge?□

□Yeah. To the nobles who are treating you and me like worthless trash.□

I felt a discomfort from Lost's words.

That might be the case for human, but this guy was more or less a devil. And yet, how could he get treated like trash?

Lost suddenly spoke while I was thinking such thing.

□Let's destroy the devil king academy together with me.□

□.....Wha-□

What did he say?

□We are persecuted because of the nobles who are ruling the devil world right now. And then the symbol of that is the devil king academy.□

□.....□

□I'll kill the devil king academy, the devil world, the whole world.□

.....What was this guy talking about?

□Killing.....the whole world you say?□

□Death and rebirth, that is the role of the Death after all.□

□Then.....your objective, isn't to become the next devil king?□

Lost tilted his head when I asked him that.

□If I kill all the other devil king candidates, then I'll naturally become the next devil king. But, I think that's also alright. A legend is necessary for the beginning of a new world. The lowest class of devil is standing on the top of the devil world, something like that will be real dramatic.□

□In other words, a revolution huh.□

□That's right. The devil world is completely ruled by the nobles. The rich is continuously getting richer, while the poor is unable to escape from the negative spiral. The right to rule is only passed around among the nobles. I'll destroy the wall standing in the way between the nobles and the low class devils. That's why Yuuto, I want you to lend me your strength.□

□Me?□

□Yuuto, you're human. If you never know about the existence of devil world and devil, then perhaps you would never hold any dissatisfaction about

being human. But, after learning that you all are energy source for devils—that your race is just being treated as expendable resource, what do you think?□

□That's.....□

□Don't you want to escape from the devil's rule and obtain true freedom?□

Lost's words were slowly seeping into my head.

I had my hands full with the problems that were right before me that it never thought about such distant matter.

No, perhaps I was simply averting my eyes from it intentionally.

Supposing that I became the next devil king, what was I going to do with the devil world and human world at that time?

I—,

Wanted to answer the expectation of Lizel-senpai and everyone.

I wanted to make the world a place where everyone, Tou-san and Kaa-san could live in peace with a smile on their face. I only thought about such matter that was within my reach.

—I didn't have any clear vision, what kind of thing I wanted to do with this world.

□Even so, defeating all the devil king candidates will be a herculean task.

There are still many powerful enemies, and there are also the Triumph who haven't showed themselves yet.□

□Triumph.....the opponents who are holding the special six arcana you mean.□

I had heard about them from Lizel-senpai.

The devil king arcane number 0 until V were considered the leading six.

They were the O Fool, I Magus, II Priestess, III Empress, IV Emperor, and V Hierophant.

These six arcane that included many cards that represented ruler were arcane that were born at the beginning period and they were said to hold extraordinary power.

□Besides what I'm trying to do will definitely provoke antipathy from others.

Even if by some chance become the next devil king, surely there will be those who cause insurrection, and perhaps the current devil king also won't hand over the throne to me obediently.□

□You are saying.....that you will also fight that Headmaster Gandou?□

□Yeah. That's why I need a genuine comrade.□

□Genuine, comrade?□

□A comrade who has the same perspective like me, the same feeling, and the same objective. It's impossible for me to find someone like that among the other devils.□

Lost stared still at me with an earnest gaze.

□A comrade who I can have true bond of trust with. Only you can possibly become someone like that.□

Lost held out his right hand.

□If I become the devil king, I'll entrust the human world to you. You will be the king of human. Let's work together, both of us.□

I stared at the right hand that Lost offered to me.

I didn't really know the truth but, it seemed that this guy had been persecuted in the devil world. And now he was trying to make a new world.

What about me?

Certainly it didn't feel like that what Lost was saying was wrong.

He was saying that he would abolish the class system of the devil world and created a fair world.

However, that meant destroying the current order of the devil world. Would that really be the right thing to do?

What would happen to Lizel-senpai if that happened?

What about Miyabi, Neito, Aspite, Geld, everyone else?

Even the nobles weren't completely made up by bad people. Wouldn't their life and everything that they were shouldering would also get destroyed by this?

Besides, Lost mentioned something about revenge.

Was it alright to change the world with such reason?

□What's wrong? Is something worrying you?□

□I.....□

□Is it alright to not liberate mankind from devil's rule?□

□.....That's□

□What if the next devil king is someone who mercilessly wring out mana from human? It won't be a carefree world like right now. The whole human world will turn into hell. Are you fine with that?□

□No! I'm not saying that something like that is fine. However—□

□The fate of the whole mankind is hanging on your choice you know?□

□The whole mankind.....?□

Cold sweat trickled down my back and sides.

□Let's destroy and remake this world together with me.□

My right hand lifted up slightly. At that time—,

□Detonation!!□

□!?□

The spot where Lost was standing on exploded.

□Uwah!?□

My body was sent flying backward by the heat wave and shockwave. I couldn't make a defensive magic in time and fell on my back. My body slid on the floor.

□Yuuto! Are you alright!?□

That voice—!?

I looked up while still lying down on the ground. A skirt that was lightly fluttering, and long legs that were wrapped in black stocking. Further above was white panty that was covered by the stocking. Lizel-senpai's worried face was looking down on me above her breasts.

□Lizel-senpai!□

I stood up in a hurry and stared at the place where the explosion occurred. The audio shop's floor was hollowed and thick smoke was rising from there. The headphones and speakers at the surrounding were all blown away. Shelves broke and the inside were scattered everywhere.

□.....Senpai did that just now?□

□Yes. While I was chasing after the information of the Death devil king candidate, I never expected that he was meeting with Yuuto. Are you alright?□

□Yes. We were just talking.....□

□That's right. To suddenly blow up the place like that, you got really bad manner even though you are a noble lady.□

Lost was there at the other side of the smoke.

There wasn't any sign of injury on him. He looked composed as though the explosion never happened.

□.....Can you not approach my devil king candidate as you please?□

□Good grief, I thought that we could finally deepen our friendship through male bonding and yet.....really, you're in the way.□

□What's your aim by approaching Yuuto like this?□

Lizel-senpai glared with a sharp gaze. But Lost ignored her and raised his hand casually.

□Then, let's meet again when there isn't any hindrance. I'm happy we can meet today.□

□Wait!□

□Aa, for the lady there, it looks like there is a friend who got a business with you instead of me.□

□Friend?□

Lizel-senpai made a dubious face, then the store's lightning died simultaneously. The surrounding was enveloped in true darkness because there was no window nearby.

□Tsu.....be careful, Yuuto.□

Lizel-senpai let out a strangely panicked voice, and then a small light lit up. A small blue flame was burning on senpai's hand. When she lightly waved her hand, that flame fell on the floor. The flame spread through the floor. However there was no heat. It didn't look like that it would cause fire incident like a normal flame. The dark interior of the store was illuminated by the pale blue flame.

A silhouette rose inside that blue light.

□To think that you are supporting a human devil king candidate, you have really fallen low aren't you, Lizel.□

□.....You□

Illuminated inside the darkness was a beautiful woman. Purple hair that reached until her waist, and almond shaped blue eyes. Her hair was beautifully wavy and rolled and her face was graceful. Coupled with her voice's tone, she gave of a thick atmosphere of a noble lady.

But, her outfit was far from the image of a noble lady.

What enveloped her nice body that wasn't at all inferior compared to Lizel-senpai was a black rubber suit that clung completely on her skin. Her neck and limbs were wrapped in belts that looked restrictive. It was a bondage suits that emphasized her body line to look even lewder.

In addition she was wearing a uniform jacket that looked like a long coat with her shoulders exposed.

Even though her skin exposure was almost zero, she looked like she was standing naked. In some case she might look even more obscene than simply being naked.

□Senpai.....who is that person?□

□The Hanged Man devil king candidate. She is Hayachine Yotaka.□

This sexy beauty was the Hanged Man!?

The arcana's name and the owner didn't seem to match at all. In the first place she wasn't a man.

□Thank you for the introduction, Lizel.□

Hayachine Yotaka smiled sweetly and turned her gaze at me.

□By the way, I'm Lizel's friend.....no, archenemy since we were little.□

—Archenemy?

Yotaka wriggled her fingertip dancingly and put it on her cheek. And then she scrutinized me.

□You don't look bad. How about switching to me rather than staying with the like of Lizel? I'll take a good care of you.□



□Yotaka, if you continue speaking rudely like that, I'll—□

Lizel-senpai moved to stand in front of me. However a girl appeared from behind Yotaka before that.

□.....Yotaka-sama, please wait. It will be troubling if you pick up something like human. You have to make sure that your pet has the proper pedigree document before keeping them.□

It was a beautiful girl wearing red bondage fashion. She had black hair that was cut short, and an adorable atmosphere like a Japanese doll. When she stood at Yotaka's side, they looked like a master and a slave.

□Oh, Ayaori. You are also here?□

□Yes. After all I don't know what kind of mess Yotaka-sama will get into if you are left by yourself.□

Yotaka elegantly chuckled *fufu* and pointed her fingertip to the girl in red bondage.

□This girl is Ayaori Iratsume, my ace.□ (TN: There is a pattern here. Yotaka can mean low class prostitute in Edo period, while the kanji of Iratsume can also be read to mean prostitute)

Far from being a slave, this girl was the Hanged Man's Ace. It felt like he would meet a horrible experience if he underestimated her based on her looks.

□And, what is your business here I wonder? If you want to meet, then please do so after making an appointment.□

Lizel-senpai was radiating vigilance from her whole body. Yotaka smiled erotically at her.

□I'm thinking that I should also make my move soon. And so I come here only to give a light greeting. If the other devil king candidates defeat Lovers first then, Lizel—I'll lose my justification to kill you.□

It was a really dangerous greeting. Lizel-senpai frowned.

□I see.....so the Hanged Man has also joined Death's alliance. It's you who has fallen really low. That will hurt the family name of Hayachine House.□

Yotaka smiled lasciviously at Lizel-senpai's provocation. That obscene smile send a chill through my back.

□No need to make such forced provocation. Soon I'm going to kill you—no, as expected I won't kill you. I have to make sure you have a front row seat to watch the collapse of Himekami House. And then, I'll cherish you forever.....I won't kill you even if you beg me to kill you. Fufu.....I'm looking forward to it.□

□.....As always, you have the worst hobby that is completely lacking in elegance.□

□I can already see in my mind how that composed expression will distort in humiliation while you are crying and yelling tearfully. Aa, I wish to tie and hang you up quickly.□

□Fufu, that's a funny joke. This is a nice timing. I'm currently searching for an ingredient for a magic medicine. Your heart might suffice for it.□

Even though their talk was filled with bloodthirstiness, the two's expression and gesture were that of high class noble lady. It made them even scarier.

□Yotaka-sama. It will be time soon.□

Ayaori urged her master with a slightly fretful look.

□Oh? It seems I have stayed for too long here. Fufuh, then adieu.□

Yotaka nodded elegantly before she turned around. Ayaori sent me a glare before following behind Yotaka.

Yotaka and Ayaori vanished into the dark passage. Then the lighting suddenly turned on again.

The two's figures weren't in the store anymore.

And then the sound of the outlet mall's noise was approaching from the distance.

□Senpai.....□

□So.....Death finally showed up directly.□

And then she made a plainly displeased face.

□Furthermore even Yotaka too.....it's irritating.□

□It feels like, she is targeting Lizel-senpai more rather than me.□

□Himekami House and Hayachine House has been in antagonistic relationship with each other since a long time ago. There was even period of war that happened far away in the past. Because of that our relationship is still bad even now. Thanks to that Yotaka and I were also made to compete against each other in everything. It was like a proxy war for both our houses.□

□I see.....then senpai also has it really hard huh.□

□It happens. I have gotten used to it.□

Lizel-senpai showed a resigned smile.

□More importantly, we also need to think of countermeasure now that the enemy has made their move this openly.□

□Yes. But, what should we do.....□

□I have several ideas. For example, strengthening our fighting strength. Like adding a new Card.□

Certainly.....Stella had also told me something similar before.

□But, I don't know anyone who looks like they will accept becoming my Card.....□

□About that, I can't guarantee it but.....I know someone who seems to have a prospect.□

□Eh? Who is it?□

□I myself am still not sure, so I'll tell you next time. More importantly Yuuto, it's necessary to have you do another countermeasure.□

□That's.....what kind of countermeasure it is?□

□I'll have you learn a special move in this summer.□

□S-special move!?!□

Those words somehow sounded really charming.

□Your growth has been stunning but, you need to be even stronger. And immediately. That's why.....we will do summer training camp!□

□Summer.....training camp!?□

Come to think of it, senpai had already mentioned about it when we went to buy swimsuit last time.

□I think senpai said, that our destination will change depending on the special training's content wasn't it? Where are we going then?□

Lizel-senpai turned a serious gaze at me.

□Hawaii.□

What!?

□You need special training to learn a special move. I believe that the training camp will be very harsh for you.□

I gulped.

Senpai had said that much. There was no doubt that a very harsh training was waiting for me.

However—,

□I'll do it! I swear I'll overcome it no matter what kind of training it is!□

□That's a good spirit.□

Senpai nodded in satisfaction at my reply.

□I'm burning up! Let's do this!!□

Because it's Hawaii!

And getting a special move!!

It was a doubleheader of going to a place that was the yearning of all common masses and obtained the dream of a boy!! I couldn't suppress my excitement anymore!

Summer vacation, come quickly, quickly!

□Then, I'll give it my all to think up the training menu. It will be an Ultra Gorgeous Super Special Hard Death Course.□

That naming was enough to cool down my giddiness.

Chapter 1 - To the Training Camp!

Part 1

It was finally the summer vacation. The devil king academy also had an end-of-term ceremony after a fashion. It also had report card. It was handed in the classroom one by one from the homeroom teacher Takizawa-sensei but.....,

□M-Morioka.....-kun, e-even though you have defeated three devil king candidates.....t-that and your grades.....a-are two separate matters!□

Takizawa-sensei handed me the report card with trembling hands and pale face.

□Y-you might think that I'll be tactful and alter your grades, b-but I too am a proud teacher of the devil king academy! Manipulating the grades for a student's sake, is out of question!□

□Eh? No, I'm not expecting sensei to do anything like that for me.□

□Uu.....so you are threatening me to hide the fact on top of bettering your grades.....however! Even if you tell me that you are dissatisfied with your grades, I can't change it anymore! E-even if you threaten to kill me, I'll die as a teacher!□

Why was she running her mouth with such disturbing words just for handing the report card? Besides, I didn't remember asking her to give me any consideration.....

□.....Hey, did you hear just now?□

□Yeah.....he threatened Takizawa-sensei so that she would falsify his grades.□

□And the way sensei is trembling like that.....he must have done something really terrible to her.□

□How devilish, even though he is just a human.□

It became a really harmful false rumor!?

I reached out and took my report card to finish this quickly. However, for sensei to speak this insistently that she couldn't give any leeway with my grading—,

□.....Is my grade really that bad?□

I asked that casually, but Takizawa-sensei's pupils behind her glasses shrunk in terror.

I became concerned by that reaction and reflexively looked at my report card right on the spot.

□Uu.....certainly, this is.....horrible.□

When I lifted up my face after muttering that,

□Hihi!□

Takizawa-sensei leaped back until her back collided on the blackboard.

□N-no.....as I thought, I don't want, don't want to die.....h-help.....please□

□E-err sensei? It's not like I'm going to vent at sensei just because I get bad grades—□

Sensei's plump thighs were trembling uncontrollably. Warm liquid was trickling down on the inner part. Water puddle was spreading under Takizawa-sensei's feet.

□Wait! A-are you alright!? Sensei!□

□Ple.....please, I'm begging you! I'll do anything so!! At least, spare my life—□

In the middle, Takizawa-sensei's eyes rolled back and she collapsed.

□S-SENSEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEI!?□

After that I hurried to the infirmary while carrying sensei in my arms. I did that to help sensei but, for some reason—,

□I heard that the Lovers, Morioka forced Takizawa-sensei to pee herself in the classroom!□

□What's more, he made her naked after that, put a collar on her neck, and took her for a stroll inside the school, seriously!?!□

□It seems that guy is mankind's strongest sex magician. I'm so envious I want to murder that guy.....□

□Before this he also massaged Lizel-senpai's breasts brazenly at the schoolyard! Shit! Die Morioka!□

Rumor summoned speculation, mass produced false rumors, and the exaggeration grew worse. The number of people who spread such rumor kept growing.

—As the result,

After school, Lizel-senpai made me did seiza and interrogated me harshly. I received the report card through such hardships. When I returned home and hesitantly showed it to Kaa-san and Tou-san—,

□Myyy! Oh myyy! Really Reina-chan, you got 5 on all subjects! Amazing! Genius!? Are you a genius!? Aahn geez, you are cute, obedient, and then you are also smart on top of that!□

□No, this is really amazing! Yoosh, papa will buy Reina-chan anything you want!□

—They made a fuss over Reina.

□T-that's that's.....Reina is already happy just from getting praised..... thank you, mama, papa.□

She said such thing with a shy look, so naturally Kaa-san and Tou-san writhed in bliss.

On the contrary, their reaction toward me who had to show my dignity as a big brother was—,

□As for Yuu-kun.....fight on!!□

□Yuuto.....grade isn't everything for human. The only thing Tou-san can tell you is.....get friendly with a big shot devil! Surely they will introduce you to a good job later on!□

They were really considerate.....it felt, heavier than being scolded.

However a big event that blew away that gloomy feeling was waiting.

—It was summer training camp (overnight stay)!!

Lizel-senpai attached a terrifying title on it but, it didn't change the fact that I would go to a trip with everyone in my summer vacation. And then our destination would be the king of resort, Hawaii.

Our boardinghouse would be Lizel-senpai's villa at Oahu Island. Even so.....as expected, Lizel-senpai's rich girl level was simply different.

Perhaps such thing wasn't a big deal at all for Lizel-senpai, but for me this was my first overseas trip that should be commemorated. Reina and me went to create our first passport for this training camp. It would also be our first time going to the airport. Everything was completely the first for us.

I went to buy overseas traveling necessities together with Reina, read guide book together, packing together with the whole family. Just the trip preparation was already absurdly fun.



—And then at the day of our departure.

We were overwhelmed at our first visit to Narita Airport by its size. I didn't even know where we should wait for the plane. Reina and me were completely at a loss while dragging our suitcase.

□Let's try calling someone first.....□

When I took out my smartphone,

□How do you do, Yuuto-san.□

.....Who?

It was a woman wearing a neat and clear white dress, and a white hat with wide brim. Wavy blond hair flowed down from there sparklingly. Her smiling eyes were brightly blue.

She was the very picture of noble lady of pampered upbringing that you happened to come across in a resort. The way she spoke and her standing figure were radiating elegance—nn!?

□You, are you Miyabi-!□

She chuckled with a smile of someone who had successfully tricked her target.

□Geez Yuuto, your face just now was really funny.□

This wasn't the usual gal Miyabi, but Miyabi in her Ojou-sama mode. It wasn't just her outfit, even her expression and atmosphere had changed completely. I thought that she was someone else for an instant there.

Shit, this was why woman was demon. No, Miyabi was a devil though.

Reina was also looking shocked with her eyes widening like saucer.

□But, why is senpai looking like that? Your style is completely different from usual desu desu.□

Miyabi folded her arms with a troubled look. Putting aside her appearance, it seemed her attitude had exited the Ojou-sama mode.

□About that y'see, this is because of Okaa-sama's order. She told me to act properly if I'm going to Himekami House's villa. She made me bring a complete set of clothes like dress and the like. It's troublesome that my luggage got really heavy like this.□

There was a porter pushing a trolley behind Miyabi. Three huge suitcases were piled up on it.

□—I wish to express my thanks to your mother for her good arrangement though.]

A refreshing voice suddenly interrupted.

□Lizel-senpai!□

Lizel-senpai looked like the opposite of Miyabi. She was wearing an adult and chic black dress. That black color emphasized senpai's white skin even more clearly. She was giving off a bewitching aura that made felt dizzy despite the elegance.

□So everyone is here already.□

□Yep, bang on! All Lovers are present!□

Reina and me also nodded with a smile.

□Then let's go.□

Just as Lizel-senpai said that with a smile—,

□Aaah, it's really Yuuto-kun there-!□

An adorable voice that sounded like a beautiful woman's voice called at me. When I turned my gaze toward the direction of the voice, a beautiful girl—no, a young man was coming this way while dragging his suitcase.

□Ruki!?□

It was Kouma Ruki, the devil king candidate of Judgment.

He was wearing a white jacket with sailor collar and a short pants. It felt like the white version of his usual uniform. He was wearing pants not a skirt, so if asked whether he looked boyish.....it made his slender legs to be even more visible, so I got a bit flustered.

□Ruki, why are you here.....?□

□I'm going to a trip. Yuuto-kun too?□

□Yeah, I'm going to have summer training camp at Hawaii.□

□Is that so!? This is an amazing coincidence!! Actually I'm going to spend my summer in Hawaii too!□

□What!? That's.....certainly an amazing coincidence. What's more we ran to each other in the airport like this.□

Ruki took my hand and jumped up and down happily while going *kyaa kyaa*.

□It's too bad that we are taking a different flight but, let's meet again over there! We should play together!□

□Y-yeah.....□

Ruki waved his hand toward us energetically while heading to the check-in counter. I also waved back lightly at him.

I watched his innocent smile while feeling a doubt somewhere in my heart. Was this really just a coincidence?

Previously Ruki was wary toward the Death's alliance and suggested information exchange with me. I thought that he was a friendly guy among the devil king candidates fighting in the devil king war.

However—,

If his trip to Hawaii wasn't a coincidence, what kind of reason could he had for going?

Was he feeling helpless if he was alone in Japan and so he tried to stick close to us?

Or perhaps, it was the opposite—,

□Lizel-senpai.....that Ruki, is it really just a coincidence that he is also here?□

□I wonder?□

Unexpectedly Lizel-senpai didn't look like she was really concerned.

□Then let's go□ She said and started walking, so I hurriedly took over the trolley from the porter and put my suitcase and Reina's on it too. And then we followed behind Lizel-senpai in a line like a duck and its ducklings.

After a while Miyabi raised her voice *Eh*.

□Heey senpai? We just passed the check-in counter y'know?□

□It's fine. Just follow me.□

Miyabi looked back at Reina and me, then she shrugged with a frown. She must want to say that she didn't know what was going on.

However, Lizel-senpai's footsteps contained no hesitation. It was hard to think that she was lost.

After we walked for a while, we entered into a place that seemed like a special room.

□We'll take care of the departure procedure here.□

Then Miyabi made a face of realization.

□Senpai, this place is.....for business jet's use?□

□Yes, there is no need for us to hand over ticket or the like beforehand. We will go with the private jet tha I chartered.□

Somehow this trip was skipping over the normal overseas travel to become like a celeb trip that was in a different dimension. Reina and me were already shaking in our boots.

While I was still unable to catch up with the situation, we were put in a micro bus that carried us until the place where the jet airplane was waiting. And then after we boarded the small jet airplane, the inside was like the living room of a hotel.

Reina and me sat on the chairs feeling like we were watching a dream. Then the jet engine's roar and the G-force from the acceleration assaulted us.

□O-Onii-chan, R-Reina's body is pressed on the chair desu desu!□

□Oooh! It feels like the plane will fly out of the atmosphere with this force!□

I was extremely excited by my first experience of takeoff.

□Onii-chan! It's horrible desu! The ground is diagonal! It's getting smaller and smaller rapidly!□

□UOOOOOOO! I CAN FLY!! So the eart is round! This is one small step for mankind, but a large step for me!□

□You.....you're amazingly excited.....aren't cha?□

I didn't pay any mind even when Miyabi spoke in exasperation. Reina and me clung on the window and noisily cheered and took pictures.

□Uuu~, somehow it makes me feel defeated-! I'll also burst in excitement then-!!□

Miyabi also joined. We were in a high tension like in a school trip.

There was no other passenger, so there was no need to hold back. The airplane got above the cloud and the scenery of sea of cloud stretched on endlessly. Our excitement also finally settled down then.

There we finally noticed Lizel-senpai drinking coffee silently by herself.

□.....I'm sorry, Lizel-senpai. We made a ruckus.....□

However Lizel-senpai smiled as though she was looking at children. That smile was like a holy mother. She didn't look like a devil at all.

□No. I'm also happy that everyone is having fun like that.□

□It's amazing desu! Really, amazing desu! Really, Reina Reina, just amazing desu!□

My little sis was completely losing her vocabulary from being overly excited.

□Totallyy! It's a rare chance that we're in a private jet! Going to Hawaii with this is the best!!□

□No, we aren't going to Hawaii.□

□—Eh?□

The three of us stiffened.

□Err, that's.....what does senpai mean?□

I fearfully asked.

□There was the case with the Tower, and then the case in the outlet mall the other day. The only explanation for those is that our movement is being watched.□

The face of Ruki who we ran into just now in the airport came up in my mind.

□That's why I came up with this scheme. I intentionally declared that we are going to Hawaii in order to deceive the enemies' eyes.□

□Ee!? Senpai, you didn't tell us anything at all about that ain't cha!□

□First you need to trick your ally to trick the enemy.□

Miyabi's shoulders slumped in disappointment.

Reina and me was also dejected because we completely thought we were going to Hawaii.

□Don't be so dejected like that. We are still going to a resort.□

□Eh? And where are we going?□

□Fufu, look forward to it when we arrive.□

Senpai smiled mischievously and winked cutely.

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Part 2

We arrived at an empty airport with few people around. It was far smaller compared to Narita. The atmosphere here was plain. The advertising on the wall showed a lot of designs like Egypt's fresco and god with hawk head.

□Senpai.....could it be this place is.....Egypt?□

□Of course it's Egypt. This is the place where this country's ancient capital was located, Luxor.□

No wonder it felt like I saw nothing but dry land from the airplane's window.

Miyabi raised a plainly dissatisfied voice.

□Eee!? What about the sea!? The resort!? The stylish shops and delicious sweets!?!□

□No need to worry, we will really go to a resort.□

□That means.....we are still going to travel from here? Are we going to place like Mediterranean Sea?□

Then Lizel-senpai made a suggestive smile.

□No one is saying that our destination is in this world.□

□That's.....ah□

Miyabi made a face of realization.

□But, this place isn't senpai's territory or mine. Besides—□

□That's why, we are going to meet with a collaborator here.□

—Collaborator?

□Lizel-senpai, who are you talking about?□

When I asked that,

□E-err.....□

I heard a voice calling at me hesitantly, so I turned around and,

□W-welcome.....to Luxor.□

□Welcome, Yuuto-kun and co□ Carrying a flag with such letters written was a beautiful girl with tanned skin. Her blond hair's forelock was hiding one of her eyes. She was giving an upward gaze with a shy look.

It was the Chariot devil king candidate, the second year Neith Carnac.

□Neith!? Why are you here.....□

□Because, this area is my territory.....□

□Eh, is that so?□

Lizel-senpai stepped forward with elegant steps and smiled at Neith

□We will be in your care.□

□Yes. Take your time here. Then, I have a car prepared.....over here.□

People wearing native dress carried our luggage for us. They must be the servants of Neith's family. We got into the limousine parked in front of the airport and started moving. I was completely ignorant of where we were going. Reina and me completely felt like we were in a mystery tour.

The scenery outside the car window was completely different from Japan. This place wasn't Hawaii, but this was a country that was carved with ancient history. It gave me a feeling of thrill in its own way.

We arrived at a place with some ruins made of giant stones lined up. This place really looked like a ruin of an ancient shrine.

Deep inside there was a stair to go down.

□It's dark so be careful.□

Neith said that before she walked down that stair without any hesitation.

We also followed behind her with Neith's servants following from some distance behind us with our luggage.

The darkness and the Egypt fresco drawn on the wall were creating an eerie atmosphere.

□Tsu!?!□

Suddenly someone grabbed my arm.

□L-Lizel-senpai?□

She was hugging my arm tightly with her chest pressed closely. However she wouldn't meet my gaze awkwardly.

This.....could it be, when Miyabi made fun of Lizel-senpai before saying that senpai wasn't good with haunted house or horror or dark place—,

When I recalled that, senpai strengthened her hug on my arm. It resulted in her breasts pressing even more on my arm.

□Don't misunderstand. T-the place is a bit dark, so it's dangerous to walk without holding on something. That's all.□

It seemed she was trying to retain her dignity as a senior, but her voice was slightly shaking.

□Indeed. Then please hold on tight.□

□.....What are you grinning at I wonder?□

Dammit. My face unconsciously smirked.

□Don't tell me, you are thinking that I'm scared of darkness?□

□N-no! How can that-□

We gathered attention because we talked loudly. Miyabi raised her voice

□Ah!□ and she puffed out her cheeks in dissatisfaction.

□Senpai, that's unfaiir! I also wanna flirt!□

□Reina too Reina too, Reina want to.....hold hand.....with Onii-chan.□

The passage was already cramped even when I walked by myself. Their addition made the place even more cramped.

□I'm linking arms with Yuuto, so the two of you should hold hand with each other.□

Senpai said and pressed her chest on my arm even more to protect her spot on my side to the death.

□Eee, don't wanna! I also want to do it with Yuuto-!□

□Wait.....it's cramped with three people, so don't force yourself to walk beside me!□

□C-can Reina, grab on, Onii-chan's shirt desu, desu?□

This had gone past simply being lively. The eerie atmosphere from before had completely vanished to somewhere. I could hear Neith who was walking ahead stifling her laughter.

□Everyone of the Lovers.....are really close with each other isn't it?□

Lizel-senpai frowned hearing that and she hurriedly tried to keep up appearances.

□Y-you're wrong. Usually we would be a bit, more proper than this.

Everyone is just getting excited because we are in a trip.□

Neith smiled while looking somewhat lonely.

□It's alright.....I'm just, jealous.□

□Eh?□

Her smile made me felt bothered. I was going to ask her what was the matter, but then Neith's feet stopped walking and she turned around toward us.

□This is our destination.□

□.....?□

Even if she said that, there was a stone wall blocking our way in front of us.

The wall was completely packed with the picture of people's side profiles and hieroglyph characters that really suited the Egypt atmosphere.

Was the figure that was drawn the biggest the pharaoh? There were people kneeling in front of it while holding up offering.

Neith touched that wall. Then she began chanting a spell.

□This is!?□

The stone wall split from the center. And then there was the sound of heavy stone being dragged. The wall was opening to the left and right.

□.....Wha-□

Behind it there was a scenery of a different world. Greeneries were growing luxuriantly with blue sea visible at the other side. It was truly the scenery of a resort.

□No way.....we are underground aren't we? What's more we have descended down really deep.....□

□This is our private gate.□

Neith said that while looking a bit shy. Then she passed that gate and stepped to the resort.

Lizel-senpai let go of my arm. It seemed her fear had vanished because of the dazzling scenery. She started walking gallantly as though her scared appearance just now was just a lie.

□Hee.....this place is really nice.□

□Hyahhoo!! Resort, resoo~rt~♪□

Miyabi too. She sang a mysterious song while rushing into the radiant scenery. Reina and me also looked at each other before passing through the gate.

Immediately, the aroma of greenery drifted into our nose with salty sea breeze blowing on our skin.

I tried touching the leaves of the southern country trees growing in abundance here. The green grass my feet were stepping on. All of them felt real. Before long the ground under my feet turned into sand. The trees became sparser and we came out from the forest.

Then a sublime scenery spread out before my eyes. Waves were pushing toward the white sandy beach. There was only the horizon as far as I could see.

White cloud floated at the blue sky. The sunlight was shining down dazzlingly. However the humidity level of the air was low, so it didn't feel sultry at all. Pleasant wind was blowing from the sea, so the heat was comfortable.

□Just what is going on? This place.....□

Lizel-senpai stopped walking when I unconsciously muttered that.

□This place is the devil world.□

□D-devil world!? This place is!?!□

This place was completely different from the image that I got from those words. Or rather, I would be able to accept it easier if I was told that we had teleported to someplace else on earth.

However when I looked at the sky, I noticed something different from usual. The moon was far bigger than usual. In addition, there was a lump of giant rock that looked like island floating in the air.

It was also absurd that there was this kind of blue sky underground. Could it be that it was actually just a painting?

It made me wanted to doubt like that.

When I looked carefully, there was a line stretching through the sky like a gradation. Magical letters were floating and slowly moving along that line. Was that also some kind of magic?

Lizel-senpai gave me an explanation seeing me looking around with a curious look.

□Originally it's impossible to come and go between the devil world and human world. There is something like an impassable wall between the two worlds. The gate we passed just now opened a hole in that wall with magic.□

□I-is that so.....something like that wasn't mentioned at all in the school's lesson.....□

□Ahaha, yeah of course. That's something that you learned at the elementary school.□

Miyabi laughed at me as though to say *You didn't know that until now?*

When I turned my gaze at Reina, she nodded repeatedly to support what Miyabi said.

□Desu desu. The reclamation of human world began after the gate was created.....the devils obtained energy from human, in exchange they brought knowledge, and with that energy's collection became even more efficient.....that was the lesson that was taught to us.□

Lizel-senpai nodded in praise to Reina.

□The coming and going between the devil world and human world are under the strict control of the administration bureau. But, there are also noble houses with long history and high social status that have their own private gate like what we had just passed through. My family also has one, but we borrowed Neith's gate this time in order to sneak away.□

Lizel-senpai sent a grateful gaze toward Neith. In response Neith's face broke into a shy smile.

□Tell me anytime you want to use it. The academy, and other devil king candidates doesn't know that Lizel and others are coming to the devil world.....ah□

□What's wrong?□

□N-no. Actually, there is someone else who come here.....I can't refuse..... sorry. But Lizel and others will use my private beach so—□

□That voice, Neith and Lizel?□

There was a beach parasol that was erected on the sandy beach. A clear voice came from under it.

The body that woke up from the beach bed there was wearing a white bikini, with limbs that were giving off a sense of translucence. Even though the body was slender, it had outstanding excellent style where the parts that should grow grew magnificently.

□Good grief.....even though I was planning to spend my rare off day somewhere where I won't meet any acquaintance□

The one who appeared was the Star devil king candidate, Hoshigaoka Stella. Her expression looked displeased.

Lizel-senpai also grimaced in displeasure.

□.....Stella, to think that you are also here.□

□That's my line. Neith, why didn't you tell me?□

□Uu.....that's□

I see.....most likely she didn't tell even Stella because our arrival had to be kept secret. She actually must be wishing to refuse but, perhaps because of Stella's strong insistence or because of Neith's personality.....either way she must be unable to refuse.

Anyway, there was no doubt that we was bothering and making trouble for Neith.

I stood in front of Stella to cover for Neith.

□It's not Neith's fault. I was the one who insisted at her. We also didn't know that our schedule clashed with Stella's like this. Sorry for that.□

□Yuuto-kun.....♡□

I turned around toward that voice. There Neith was staring at me with her hands clasped to each other.

Her cheeks were also red, and tears were pooling in her eyes.

Was she really so troubled that she looked like she wanted to cry like that? How pitiful.

□But we are going to stay somewhere out of Stella's sight, so we won't get in the way of your holiday.□

□.....I'll kill you if you expose my presence here okay?□

□Roger. We never met each other here—that's alright with you?□

□Yeah yeah.□

Stella replied with a businesslike tone and sullen face. Let's leave while she hadn't changed her mind. Then,

□Wait a second.□

She called me to a stop.

□Yuuto, was it you.....who defeated the Tower Marios?□

□No, I didn't. We had cornered him until there was just one step left, but he got away.□

Stella frowned with a slightly worried look.

□Hey Lizel. Did you manage to expose Death's true identity?□

□No. There is no doubt that he isn't a student in our school. I also tried investigating the students of other schools but, I didn't find any student who seem to be him.□

□As I thought.....□

□Looks like you have met Death before.□

□Well yeah. He got Tower, Moon, Sun, Strength, and Wheel of Fortune as comrades. Though I had dealt with the Moon Kitakami Lunatic.□

This was the first time I heard that Stella had defeated Moon. The devil king was going on even at other place that I didn't know. I realized that for real here.

Stella glanced at me.

□No matter who, any devil king candidate is given permission to enroll into the devil king academy.□

I was exactly the living proof of that. Stella seemed to want to say that.

□And yet, why isn't Death.....Joudogahama Lost enrolling into the academy?□

□Even if you ask me that.....□

I said that while observing senpai's expression. Her eyes were telling me to not say anything unnecessary.

I shrugged.

□.....Try asking the person himself if he show up again.□

□Well, tell me if you learn anything.□

After saying that one-sidedly, Stella returned under her beach parasol.

□.....Anyway that guy is really a bad news. You better be careful.□

□Oh? That's really a laudable attitude coming from you Stella.□

Lizel-senpai bantered. In respond Stella only snorted and laid down on her beach bed without saying anything back. It looked like she didn't intend to say anything more.

□Then let's go. Neith, please show the way.□

□R-right.....this way.□

We left that place and walked through the beach.

So Lost also went to meet Stella.....what was he talking with her I wonder? I also didn't tell Stella about what I talked with Lost.....however, it was true that I didn't know why Lost didn't enroll into the devil king academy.

But, I could imagine why.

For Lost, the devil king academy was his target of hatred. It wouldn't be strange at all that he didn't want to enroll into such place.

A rebel of devil king academy.....huh.

What was I thinking about the devil world and the devils? Certainly, it was irritating that they were looking down at me and making fun of me. But that was only what I felt toward some individuals who did those. It didn't mean that I hate the devil race as a whole.

In fact, I liked Lizel-senpai, Miyabi, Reina, and Neith. That was why, I wasn't aiming to be the next devil king with a spirit of rebellion like what Lost said.

However, was it different from the devil race's perspective? Did it already look like a rebellion to the devil race just from the fact that a human like me was enrolling into the devil king academy?

While I was thinking that,

□That is, my villa.□

Neith pointed at a wharf that was extending toward the sea. At the end of it there was a cottage that looked like a floating island. It was truly a villa that was floating on sea. I had only ever seen something like that in picture. It was really an overseas resort.

□This place really isn't like what I imagine the devil world will look like.....□

I unconsciously muttered that. Lizel-senpai chuckled hearing that.

□There is also a place that look exactly like what human will imagine when they hear the word hell. Desolated land where not even a single blade of grass grow, mountain district that repeatedly erupt, boiling lake. A misty town that you won't be able to come out from anymore if you get lost in it. Colorless forest where terrifying monsters are wandering around. Do you prefer that kind of place?□

□.....eh□

Then Neith considerately spoke,

□Ah.....then, do you prefer the mountain villa over there?□

She said that and pointed at the mountains at the opposite side of the sea.

□What's.....that?□

It was clearly bizarre. The forest that was spreading from the mountain to the foot of the mountain looked grey for some reason with faint mist over it. And then the sky above it was whirling with purple color for some reason.

□That mountain is called the Gaol Mountain. A forest that is dark all the time with sunlight unable to reach it. Your sense of direction will also get out of order there. You won't be able to get out of it easily once you enter inside. It's an eerie place and with a lot of monsters roaming in it on top of that. That place is dangerous but, I also have a villa there if you want to use it.....it's abandoned though.□

□No-! This place is alright!!□

Miyabi and Reina and me shook our head in denial energetically. Lizel-senpai grinned seeing that.

□Fufu, then let's put our luggage there for now, after that we'll have a meeting.□

—And so, our summer training camp began although it was completely different from our initial plan.

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Part 3

Each of us was assigned a room and we placed our luggage in our respective room. Then we gathered in the spacious living room.

□Then, I'll explain the objective of this training camp.□

Lizel-senpai stood at the front like a teacher while we were sitting on the floor while looking up at her.

.....For some reason Neith was also joining us. It was mysterious.

This was the meeting of Lovers, and Neith was Chariot devil king candidate.

She was a good friend, but we were mutual enemies so to speak.

Was this really okay? That question filled my mind, but this villa belonged to Neith's family, and she was providing us with a place to do our special training, so we also couldn't treat her lightly. Most of all, Lizel-senpai didn't look concerned, so we also didn't say anything.

□Our final objective is to have Yuuto master a special move.□

□Heeeh! Special move!! That's really firing me up!!□

Miyabi was amused and pushed her fist forward to shadow box.

□But Lizel-senpai, what kind of special move it will be specifically?□

Senpai put her hand on her waist and paused for a bit in hesitation.

□It's Lovers' characteristic magic.□

.....Hm?

Reina raised her hand. It seemed she was also puzzled like me.

□But but, Onii-chan already has two characteristic magic, Healing Lovers and Infinite Lovers. And yet.....there's still more desu?□

□Yes. There is the third characteristic magic.□

□Eeeh!? I never heard anything like that y'know?□

Miyabi folded her arms with a dubious face.

□Yes, before Yuuto, no one was able to actualize Infinite Lovers. However its existence has been made clear right now. But, Lovers still has hidden power. Magic that no one has ever seen before is buried deep inside that arcana.□

I took the Lovers arcane that was hanging on my chest.

The picture of naked male and female facing each other with an angel figure blessing them from the back was drawn on it.

□A magic, that has never seen before is.....□

□But stilll, how does senpai know about something like that?□

It was a sharp question to come from Miyabi.

□It's a trade secret.□

□Eeeeh, unfaiir!□

□It's the result of Himekami House's continuous research until now.....just think of it like that.□

□I seeee.....wait! That's just too vagueee!□

It seemed Lizel-senpai had no intention to explain any further. She clapped her hands *pan* to ask for silence.

□Listen. Before thinking of what to do with the characteristic magic, there is a prerequisite in order to draw it out. First is to increase the upper limit of Yuuto's mana.□

I was originally a normal human, so I couldn't use a lot of mana. Although I could produce mana using Infinite Lovers, my body was like a small cup.

The total capacity of magic that I could use in one sitting was small. I

couldn't use the overflowing mana completely. On the other hand, senpai's capacity was like a basket, no, a bathtub even compared to my cup.

□But, it has become clear from the athletic festival, the upper limit of Yuuto's mana will increase if he is supplied with a lot of mana all at once.

We will use that effect so that Yuuto can use even more powerful magic.□

Certainly that was necessary. However the problem was that method.

□That means.....we need to do Healing Lovers isn't it?□

□Y-yes.....furthermore, it's necessary to do it with even more extreme way than before.□

Lizel-senpai blushed and averted her gaze. Then Miyabi immediately jeered at her.

□Uwaa~, really senpai, you pervert~□

□I-it can't be helped! Anyway our objective is reaching 100000 mark.□

A hundred thousand!? My upper limit was fifty thousand right now, so I had to double it to reach that amount. Furthermore this wasn't like a game where I could steadily accumulate experience point.

I would have.....to do something absurdly amazing for it.....

Miyabi also said something like □It feels a bit hot here~□ and fanned her reddened cheek with her hand. Perhaps she was jeering at senpai was actually to hide her own embarrassment too.

Reina was also fidgeting with her fingers entwining with each other.

□Au.....doing □extreme□ thing, with Onii-chan.....I'm sorry, mama, papa.

Even though you two asked Reina to watch out, so that Onii-chan won't do anything perverted with the senpais.....Reina is a bad kid desu desu.....□

So she was given such secret order.....Reina.

Neith was the only one who didn't understand. She was tilting her head in puzzlement.

Lizel-senpai coughed a bit with her cheeks still reddening.

□The second prerequisite is, extending the time limit of how long you can use Infinite Lovers.□

□Infinite Lovers' time limit?□

□Yuuto, how long is your time limit right now?□

When I asked Lizel-senpai's question to Lovers arcane that was hanging from my neck—,

□The current recommended operational limit is thirty seconds.□

□—That's what it said. Though I think I can lengthen it a bit more if I do my best.□

That meant, I was doing something extremely rash when exchanging Reina's core huh.....I felt a chill crawling up my back after this late. After all senpai said that if I overdid it, my magic circuit would overheat, the cells of my whole body would boil, and I would die.....

□So it's that short.....I'm sorry. It was careless of me.....□

Lizel-senpai looked dejected. I hurriedly gave a follow-up.

□N-no! I'm energetic like this as you can see, so there is no problem!

Besides, I think I would still do it even if senpai tried to stop me.....more importantly, what should I do in order to extend the time limit of Infinite Lovers?□

□The only way is to actually keep using Infinite Lovers over and over. With that the magic circuit inside your body will be toughened up.□

□I understand. But.....I won't be able to do it many times in one day.□

□That's where the strong point of Lovers devil king candidate come into play.□

Lizel-senpai winked.

□After you use Infinite Lovers, you will take a break and do Healing Lovers. Healing Lovers also have a healing effect while supplying you with mana at the same time. By doing that, you will be able to do intensive training with efficiency many times over the normal devil.□

Hee, Neith raised her voice in admiration.

□It's amazing that you can do something like that.....but, what kind of act Healing Lovers is?□

□T-that's.....□

Everyone awkwardly averted their gaze.

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Part 4

The meeting was over and the special training was finally starting. Everyone changed into their swimsuit and headed to the beach.

.....Swimsuit?

□Then Yuuto. Can you apply the sunscreen on me?□

Lizel-senpai was lying down on top of a beach mat. She was showing her back that was beautiful like snow.

Eh? What happened with the special training? That thought crossed my mind but, it was a trivial problem in front of Lizel-senpai's body.

Besides, the summer sunlight was pouring down mercilessly as though to melt that snow-like skin. I had to protect senpai's skin from this ultraviolet ray! Such sense of mission suddenly formed inside my heart!

Yes! This was a mission!!

□E-excuse me.....□

The voice of my heart was energetic, but my actual behavior outside was reserved. I poured the sunscreen on my palm, then I spread it on senpai's back softly.

After spreading it out some on the general area, I began to do it more thoroughly from the neck. Sexy nape and slender neck, and then delicate shoulders, shoulder blades, and from there her spine and whole back. I thoroughly applied the sunscreen everywhere.

□Nn.....that feels good. You are good at applying sunscreen Yuuto.□

□T-thank you very much.□

My motivation also increased abruptly from the praise. Even so, this might be my first time caressing senpai's skin this thoroughly. I felt like I was investigating every nook and cranny of senpai's body.

□Don't leave any spot untouched okay? Put the sunscreen under the swimsuit's string too.□

I see, if I forgot to do that, the place that didn't get sunscreen applied on it might get tanned. My fingers slipped under the blue string that crossed senpai's back, which was to say under her bikini's bra.

□Ah!□

The hook got unclasped because of my movement. The bra's string was unraveled and fell on the mat.

□I'm sorry!□

I panicked. But senpai talked to me with a composed smile.

□It's fine. I'm lying down like this after all. Besides we are in a private beach. There is no one here who will make me feel troubled if they see. Continue without minding it.□

Even if she told me that.....my eyes got sucked toward her completely exposed back and the side of her breasts. The breasts that were pressed flat and jutted out to the side drew a bewitching curve. While I was unconsciously watching in fascination,

□Yuuto, take care of the lower part too.□

Senpai's legs moved up and down to urge me. That gesture was strangely adorable. The gap with the usual adult senpai who did everything flawlessly made me wanted to writh.

□Roger. It will be as my queen command.□

Although I answered her jokingly, my hands were going back and fro around the waist. After all the mountains of senpai's butts were waiting for me there. Should I skip the butts and went straight to her thighs? However that would put senpai into an embarrassing state where only her butts got tanned.

□Geez.....come on, quickly.□

Senpai lifted up her butts slightly. In other words she was alright with it. With the authorization received, I resolutely departed to the mountains of senpai's butts that were challenging me.

.....Awesome, it's so fluffy. I enjoyed the sensation that would definitely make anyone hopeless while putting my finger slightly under the swimsuit too. I thoroughly applied the sunscreen at the boundary too.

During that time sensual voice □Fuh♡□ or □Nnuh♡□ leaked out from senpai's mouth, so my heart wouldn't stop pounding. When my fingers approached the thigh joint, senpai's waist convulsed and her butts jiggled.

.....It felt like I was going to get carried away, but this place was a completely open outdoor. Even if we were in a private beach, we still needed to be prudent.

It was regrettable but, I left the butts to move toward the thighs. They were slender legs that magnificently displayed the beauty of female legs. I applied the sunscreen on them in order to protect them with invisible armor.

□Yosh.....it's perfect with this—□

Plop Something fell on my head softly.

□What?□

When I took the thing that landed on my head, it was a light blue bikini bra just like senpai's.

□Yuutoo? I also want to get sunscreen being *rub rubbed* on mee♡□

When I turned around, I found Miyabi lying down with a provocative smile turned at me. Her breasts that were pressed flat by her own weight were jutting out to the side and showed off their volume proudly. Also there wasn't any sign of bra at all. Naturally because I was currently holding it.

□Look look, I also took off the lower part so that it will be easier for you to apply the sunscreen on my butts too.□

Miyabi's swimsuit was the type that was tied at the sides with string. Even those strings were untied. Even though I thought those strings were only something attached as decoration and not actually tying the bikini to stay on place!

□Say say.....Onii-chan?□

When I looked over there, Reina was also standing while hugging a sunscreen lotion on her chest.

□Aa, Reina also want sunscreen applied on yourself?□

Reina was also wearing light blue bikini. It seemed that everyone was wearing the same swimsuit with only size as the difference. My swimming pant was also light blue. They looked like uniform like this.

□No! Reina will put the sunscreen on Onii-chan desu! That's the mission of a little sister desu!□

Huff, Reina said with a rough breathing. Her determination seemed to be strong.

This was still the early stage of the special training, but I got the feeling that it would take a really long time.

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Part 5

We finally finished applying the sunscreen and began the special training.....or that should be the case but—,

□Squirt gun.....?□

Everyone was carrying rifle-shaped squirt gun. They were toys made from plastic, but they were unexpectedly powerful. Their firing range was also more than ten meters. Rather than calling them squirt gun, it would be more accurate to call them water gun.

□This is.....special training right?□

□We are already at the beach like this, so it will be better to train while also having fun.□

Lizel-senpai grinned while leaning her water gun on her shoulder. Her pose was really cool.

□This is something that has been modified for use in the special training. It's necessary to use mana to fire the water.□

□Eh?□

I tried pulling the trigger as test, but certainly the water gun was completely silent. However when I poured mana from my palm to the water gun and pulled the trigger—,

□Ou! The water came out!!□

The water flew toward the sandy beach and the sand's color turned deeper from getting hit by water.

□Yuuto, continue activating your Infinite Lovers during the game. Take a break when it become hard for you. Don't force yourself.□

□Understood!□

□Then let's split into team. First will be Morioka family team versus Miyabi and me, is that alright?□

□Roger! Let's do our best, Reina.□

□Y-yes! Reina will do her best as a member of Morioka family desu desu!!□
Reina seemed to be really happy to be put into Morioka family team. She clenched her fist with extremely motivated smile.

By the way, in the official register of the devil world, Reina was still a member of Koiwai House even now. She would lose her qualification to attend the devil king academy without that. That was why she was still Koiwai Reina at the devil king academy even now. However she would introduce herself as Morioka Reina for things that were unrelated with the devil world.

□Then, here I go!□

Senpai and Miyabi raised their water gun.

□Yosh! I'm counting on you, Lovers arcane! Infinite Lovers!!□

Magic circuit linked up inside my body and mana was overflowing endlessly.

The mana flowed into the water gun like water and I pulled the trigger.

Water burst from the muzzle. I tried shooting it to above, but it moved in a parabola arc and luckily fell on Miyabi's face.

□Yaaan♥ I got splasheed~□

It was just water even if it hit, so Miyabi was frolicking around.

□Yosh! It has enough range!□

This time I aimed to shoot straight. And then the water bullet splendidly hit Miyabi's large breasts. The high pressure water torrent shook Miyabi's heavyweight class breasts.

□Targeting my breasts like this, Yuuto you pervert.....hm? The color changed?□

The color of Miyabi's bikini bra was changing from light blue to yellow. I turned a questioning gaze at Lizel-senpai.

□I ordered this bikini so we can have special training that feel like a game. The color can change from blue to yellow to red. It will be your loss if you get hit when your bikini is red.□

So that was why everyone was wearing swimsuit with the same design.

□I seeeee! Then, I'm counterattacking!!□

Miyabi fired back. My bullet could hit her, so naturally I was also within her firing range. The water that was fired from Miyabi's water gun splendidly hit my crotch.

There was distance between us so it was nothing, but it would be bad if it hit me from close range. It was a vital place after all.

□I'm not going to let you hit me that easily!□

I ran around the sandy beach and fired the water gun randomly.

Shouting joyfully and firing at each other while laughing. This was really a summer vacation. To be honest it was extremely fun. I greatly welcomed this kind of special training.

But, my head immediately became pained and it got harder to breath. It was only natural because Infinite Lovers could only last for thirty seconds, but this was where I had to endure. It was to thoroughly train the magic circuit inside my body.

Lizel-senpai approached me with water gun in hand to target me while I was at such state.

□Fufu, are you at your limit already, Yuuto?□

I gritted my teeth and pulled the trigger.

□No! Not yet!!□

However, the water I fired was dodged and senpai hit my crotch instead.

I was surprised by Lizel-senpai's skill.

Her accurate shooting that didn't have any wasted movement at all dyed Reina and my swimsuit red in no time at all. It felt like senpai was the only

one who got serious while everyone else was playing around.....no, Lizel-senpai was also laughing, but she was smiling while shooting with unparalleled accuracy. How should I say it, it was scary.

□Ku.....□

Finally my legs stopped and I fell on my knee. My cheerful feeling was blown away and there was only pain remaining.

Shit, as expected I'm at my limit already huh.....tsu!?

□Got you! Yuuto!!□

Miyabi aimed at me and pulled the trigger. She was convinced of her victory.

□Onii-chan!□

Reina immediately stood in front of me. Her swimsuit was already red.

□Hyah!□

Her chest was hit by water.

I wouldn't let Reina's sacrifice end in vain!

□Eat this Miyabi!□

Miyabi's bra also got dyed red. The water that I fired with everything I got hit her. The water hit the tip of her left chest and her breast jiggled.

□Ahn! Yahn! I got hit~□

Miyabi lamented in disappointment. And then her bra melted and her breasts spilled out *boing*—eh?

□Huh?□

□Hawawawa!?!□

When I turned around, Reina's bra was also melting.

□Lizel-senpai.....t-this is□

□I-I know nothing about this. I only placed an order so they made it easy to see when someone is defeated.....□

Miyabi aimed her water gun to the breast of the bewildered Lizel-senpai and fired repeatedly.

□Kyaah!?!□

The swimsuit of Lizel-senpai who boasted a perfect way of fighting crossed the red zone in no time at all and vanished.

□.....Certainly it's easy to understand like this.□(Miyabi)

□Mi-! Miyabi!! The game is already over-!□

□Because, being the only one stripped like this feels 'tskk-' ain't it?

Also.....□

Miyabi turned her gaze to me with a fierce gleam.

□Yuuto too, being the only one spared makes you feel 'hics hics' from being left out right?□

Those were completely the eyes of predator targeting its prey. And then beside me Lizel-senpai's eyes also.....changing color!?

□Yuuto's.....n-no, it's not like I want to see or anything. It's only because this is training!□

Uoh!? There was overtime at this point when I was at my limit already-!? I somehow got back on my feet even while staggering.

It was like being told that the real thing would only just start after thinking that I was at my limit already from muscle training!

□NOT YEEEEETTTTT!!□

I activated Inifnite Lovers and poured my mana into the water gun. And then,

—I lost consciousness.

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Part 6

□.....Eh?□

There was grassland as far as my eye could see.

There was blue sky with white clouds.

I could see a red mountain beyond the flat horizon.

I was standing alone on top of the grassy ground.

□.....□

—Where is this?

The scenery seemed idyllic, but it felt vaguely strange.

Even though there was an abundance of nature, the scenery felt somewhat linear and artificial. It felt like I had entered inside a painting.

Even the mountain that was visible from afar felt like it was really close, but it also felt far away.

I should be training in the beach just now. However there wasn't any beach nearby.

Could it be, this was also part of the training?

But if my memory was correct.....I tried to oppose Miyabi and forced myself too much that I fainted.....I think. Then, was this a dream?

It was really rare for human to think that they were inside a dream while dreaming.

I once heard that the dream you saw while sleeping was the effect of the brain sorting the memory. However, I wasn't familiar with this scenery at all.

□Morioka Yuuto.□

—!?

When I turned around, there was a silver haired girl.

She was wearing a simple white dress that was like the outfit of people in Greek mythology.

□Wha.....□

Since when?

Even that question was erased by the girl's beauty.

This girl, was she.....human?

No.

I had no basis for it but, my heart affirmed it deep inside.

She was too pretty for a human.

Whether it was her silver hair that was like soft metal, or her shining golden eyes, or her transparent white skin, all of them were outrageously beautiful and brought intense impression.

And yet, she seemed fleeting.

Was she a devil?

However, the word that immediately surfaced in my mind was the exact opposite.

—Angel.

—Or perhaps goddess.

□You are.....?□

□My name is, Sein(□□□).□

—Sein?

□Err, Sein.....who are you? Besides, this place is.....□

□This is my world.□

□Your, world?□

□And then, what I am is depending on you.□

.....I didn't understand.

□Your answer sounds like a riddle.□

Sain's expression of faint smile didn't change. It was a mysterious smile that could be taken as kindness or coldness.

□I have been waiting all this time. For the day when I am released and I can become myself.□

I looked around me once more.

□You speak as though you are being locked here but.....this place is your world right?□

□Yes.□

I didn't understand at all what she wanted to say.

But, if this was a dream then that wasn't really strange. It was mistaken to seek logic from a dream.

□Morioka Yuuto, I believe that if it's you then you will liberate me.□

Her voice was gentle and pleasant to the ears like usual. She sounded like she was talking dispassionately, but I could feel a mysterious intimacy somewhere in her voice.

It felt like I had always listened to this way of talking though.....?

□You say liberate.....if I can help you then I want to do so but, what should I do?□

□The answer to that is sleeping inside you yourself.□

□Eh.....?□

□Dream and hope.□

—Ha?

□Those are your possibility.□

□W-wait a second□

□When you seek for me from the bottom of your heart in order to accomplish those, I will be able to respond.□

Things like dream or hope, I never expected that kind of embarrassing words to come out here. It was like I was back in the moral class in elementary school.

□I'm unable to have a dream by myself. I'll only be able to harbor dream and hope for the first time when I am needed by others.□

That's.....,

□That's a bit lonely.□

There was a change in Sain's expression for the first time. It was at the level that was mostly unnoticeable, perhaps it was just my imagination, even so to me it looked like she was smiling slightly.

—I wonder why.

It felt like I had met Sain before.

Where?

□How about a bet?□

A girl's voice came from behind me.

This voice.....

When I turned around, there was a small girl there who looked like a kindergartener.

However she looked mature. Rather than cute, it would be more accurate to describe her as beautiful.

□Lizel.....senpai?□

That look, beautiful black hair, there was no doubt. That was Lizel-senpai.

It was as though she had abruptly returned younger.....no, it was like she had returned to her past appearance.

Her large blue eyes were looking up fixedly at me.

□Yuuto, will you be able to stay the same like you are right now even after ten years passed?□

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Part 7

□.....Eh?□

Why was I sleeping under a beach parasol?

Besides, the back of my head was feeling really good.....

□You are awake?□

Breasts that were enveloped in bikini entered my sight. Lizel-senpai's face appeared from above those breasts.

.....That meant.....this was, senpai's lap pillow!?

□S-sorry.....I□

I tried to wake up, but my body got pressed down from left and right.

□Not yeeet. Stay still, 'jii-' like that.□

□Onii-chan will be all lively lively with just a bit more desu desu.□

At my left was Miyabi, and Reina at my right. They were hugging me and rubbing their body on me. Their damp skin was clinging on my skin. It felt really good.

□How long I was unconscious?□

□It's just around ten minutes.□

□Is that so.....□

□It would be fatal in real battle though.□

.....Ugu. It was just as senpai said.

□You went 'bam' and 'kyuu' even though we had only just started playing. It was shocking y'know.□

Miyabi cackled while her extremely elastic breasts were pressing on me in a circle.

Certainly, no matter what the time limit was just too short. Was there no way to somehow make me last longer.....?

□That's right. What if I only use Infinite Lover when I'm firing the water gun?□

I thought that it was a good idea, but senpai easily rejected it.

□No. It will be useless if you can't activate it continuously.□

Useless?

The way senpai said it strangely weighed on my mind.

□Does that mean, the special move that I'm going to learn need me to use mana continuously?□

□That's not necessarily the case but, doing it that way will be more reassuring.□

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It seemed that Lizel-senpai had some kind of assumption for the magic.

□What kind of special move that I'm going to learn?□

□It's not something that can be taught. It will be no good unless Yuuto discover it yourself.□

In other words, she was telling me to work it out myself?

□More importantly, how is your recovery going?□

I tried asking the arcane that was hanging on my chest.

□Magic circuit's recovery status is currently at 80%. Activation of characteristic magic is possible.□

□I'm not fully recovered but, I think I can go on.□

□Then, let's do it one more time. Can you stand up?□

Miyabi and Reina separated from me and I lifted up my body.

□But, Lizel-senpai was amazing. Your aim was also accurate, it was like a hundred percent accuracy.□

□I'm good at this kind of thing. Gun isn't my specialty though.□

Specialty?

□Then, let's start. Do your best so that you won't get stripped by me again.□

□I'll do my best!!□

Suddenly I noticed that I was already wearing a new swimsuit. I was curious who was the one putting it on me but.....I couldn't ask.

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Part 8

After that we played several games while changing team member, but the team with Lizel-senpai in it always won. I would collapse in each game and every time I would get healed by lap pillow & hug. Rinse and repeat.

Somehow it made me felt pathetic but, this was the special training menu that was just as planned so it couldn't be helped.

But, as expected everyone get tired after repeating it many times, so we all were lying down tiredly together on a beach mat.

There, we heard the crunching sound of footsteps walking through the sand.

□E-everyone.....good work.□

When we lifted up our face, there was Neith standing nearby. Her hands were holding a tray with cold juices and juicy fruits.

□Thank you Neith. Sorry to make you do this.□

However Neith shook her head and placed the tray on the table.

□Everyone is guest after all.....□

Lizel-senpai also woke up and brushed away her hair with a sensual gesture.

□You don't need to be this considerate for us you know? After all I was the one asking you for this unreasonable request.□

Neith kept smiling and sat down on the beach mat.

□Then, in exchange.....can I watch?□

She looked like she wanted to be our comrade—her expression was making me thinking that.

Her hopeful gaze was staring still at Lizel-senpai.

□That's.....I don't mind but.....□

Lizel-senpai showed a slightly worried gesture. It couldn't be helped. After all I would need to recover with Healing Lovers before starting the next training.

Neith seemed to misunderstand senpai's expression. She made a lonely smile and stood up.

□I understand.....I'm an enemy after all. Sorry that I'm asking for something impossible.□

□Wait! T-that's not it. It's hard to explain but.....□

Senpai closed her eyes and pressed her lips together. However, she then opened her eyes in determination.

□Fine then. Watch from there.....no, I want you to watch, Neith.□

Neith's face brightened in a flash at senpai's words.

□T-thank you.....Lizel.□

□Listen. What we're going to do after this is the characteristic magic of Lovers, Healing Lovers. It's a ritual for us to split our mana with Yuuto and healing her magic circuit and body at the same time. Remember that in the end it's just magic. So don't misunderstand. I want you to at least remember that.□

□Y-yes?□

Neith tilted her head in a bit of confusion.

Was it really going to be alright? Even while feeling worried like that, we began the Healing Lovers.

Senpai and Miyabi took off their bikini's bra, while Reina also lowered her shoulder straps and they approached me. Senpai's lips gently touched my neck, while Miyabi's fingers were proactively reaching to my lower body.

□.....□

Neith stiffened with her excited smile still staying on her face.

Her face then got dyed crimson and sweats were trickling down. Then when her eyes were starting to roll around in circles, I got worried as expected.

□Neith, a-are you alright?□

The moment I talked to her,

□KYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAH!!□

She screamed and ran away like lightning.

She sprinted through the sandy beach with a splendid form. Sands were rolled up on her wake. That running figure was exactly like the Top Runner. She was really fast even when just on her feet. (TN: Seems to be Rakudai Kishi's reference here)

Everyone saw off the running Neith with a bitter smile.

□Ahaha.....perhaps the stimulation is too strong for Neith. We were coming too strongly right from the start.□

□Somehow, Reina is also feeling embarrassed desu desu.....□

We were reminded that we were doing something really embarrassing after being shown that kind of normal reaction. After all our sense was also getting paralyzed recently.....

However Lizel-senpai was staring at the direction Neith was running to with a serious gaze.

□.....It seems there is hope.□

□? What does senpai mean?□

□No, it's nothing. Forget about it, let's continue.□

Senpai pulled my head and buried it into her voluptuous breasts.

.....Thanks to that, my question was also blown away.

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Part 9

And then at night.

It was the special training time for the other objective of this training camp, raising the upper limit of my mana capacity.

The surrounding was pitch black with only the cottage floating on the sea was giving off light. It looked like a luxury liner that was floating on sea. I opened my room's window and went out to the balcony. There was a pool ahead of there. The indirect lightning was illuminating the poolside and the inside of the water, creating the right atmosphere.

I went down to the poolside from the balcony.

The pool wasn't for swimming race, it was only for playing around. Its size was around ten square meters.

□.....There is still no one.□

It was senpai's message that told me to come to the pool but there was nobody here.

Should I try swimming first?

I had entered the sea at noon, but I was single-mindedly playing—no, training that I didn't have any leeway for swimming. At the land there seemed to be light from houses, but when I looked at the open sea, it was really pitch black. Stars were shining at the sky, but from the middle there were no more stars as though they had been cut off there. Most likely that was the horizon.

The sea was blue at noon, but now it was black. Suddenly I recalled the black swamp that appeared when someone died and my spine shivered.

The sea at night was already scary even at normal time, but this was the devil world's sea. Who knew what could happen here.

When I first saw the pool, I wondered why it was here even though there was sea around us, but as expected having it was better than not having it.

□Sorry to make you wait, Yuuto.□

It was the voice of the long-awaited senpai. During the day she was wearing swimsuit for training use, but what about night—eh!?

□W-what do you think?□

Senpai asked that bashfully while fidgeting.

Rather than calling it swimsuit, it was more a blue cord in V-shape.

If I wasn't mistaken, this was that thing that was called slingshot bikini wasn't it!?

Senpai held her heads thinking that she had blundered seeing my dumbfounded face.

□Aa.....how stupid of me. As I thought, perhaps this is really too sudden.....□

□N-no! It's magnificent! Senpai is beautiful!!□

□R-really?□

Her face was a mix of anxiety and happy smile.

□Yes. This is nothing but a reward for me!□

□I see, thank god.....□

Senpai brushed up her hair with a relieved smile. Her face was unbearably adorable. Even though her body was absurdly obscene.

Furthermore her breasts looked like they were going to spill out just from her moving up her arm. My eyes couldn't leave them alone.

If she went to a swim, her nipples would definitely slip out without a doubt. No, perhaps it would already be out if senpai just twisted her body.

The swimsuit only hid the tip of her chest a little and I could observe the beautiful curve of her breasts fully. And then her skin that was perfectly white thanks to the complete protection of the sunscreen that I thoroughly applied on her at noon.

Tight waist and pretty navel. While below the swimsuit was sucked in the middle of her legs with astounding angle of incision.

It wasn't just her breasts, even that part would definitely expose a lot of things just from senpai moving a little. Even me who was just watching couldn't stop feeling anxious and in suspense. This swimsuit was really bad for the heart.

Senpai was also blushing and breathing roughly just from receiving my gaze.

□Geez.....your eyes are lewd. Really Yuuto♥□

Her tone was criticizing, but the joy in her voice couldn't be hidden.

□This is because senpai is dressing lewdly like that. It make me unable to take off my gaze like that.□

□An.....♥□

Senpai hugged herself and her waist trembled even though I wasn't even touching her.

□Fufu, you are a bad child.....Yuuto□

Lizel-senpai's expression was already melting in sexual excitement. It felt like her eyes were shining with expectation for licentious act and lust.

□Come to think of it, where is Miyabi and Reina?□

Senpai turned around with a forced gesture. Her back made me almost got nosebleed.

There was almost nothing hiding her back. There was only the cord extending from the crack of her butts insufficiently. Her back was hidden by her long black hair, but her pretty butts were exposed fully.

□Fufufu♪□

Senpai looked back at me across her shoulder and narrowed her eyes. And then she shook her butts to show off.

It was impossible to not get excited from this.

□Mana capacity's upper limit has increased to 55000.□

A report immediately came from arcane.

□As expected from senpai! The upper limit has gone up to 55000!□

□Oh.....even though I have still only shown my swimsuit.....how troubling. Fufuh♪□

The Lovers' Queen was super pleased.

□But, the main event will be from now—□

But then, a lively music played and destroyed the mood to pieces.

□Wha-!? What?□

Percussion with fast tempo. Lively and fierce tune, South America rhythm. I didn't know what the lyric was saying, but it was a high-tensioned music that penetrated deeply.

Could this be, the music like in Rio's carnival and the like.....the one called Samba?

□Hyahhooo!!□

A flashy bird showed up with a strange cry.

No, it was Miyabi with red and golden feathers growing from her head and back.

In addition the tip of her chest and between her legs were only covered with golden bikini—no, looking carefully it wasn't even a bikini. It was just stickers that only hid a little. Star shaped stickers that were pasted with spangles that were shining gold were plastered on her body.

□Now, let's get this summer training camp heated upppppp! Yuuto too, lets danceeee!!□

Miyabi was wearing high heels, and yet she was furiously dancing skillfully. The spangles were shining glitteringly in accordance to her movement. It was to the degree that was dazzling to the eyes.



Even so it was the nature of man to stare fixedly at such sight.

□How is it? My dance! It'll be greatly received whether in Asakusa or in Brazil! Surely!□

□Absolutely don't do that! You should never show something like this in public right!?□

There were only us here so it was still alright but.....no, as expected this was too much!

Her breasts were shaking *boing boing* in accordance to her dance. And then Miyabi shook her butts up and down to make the feathers on her back swaying.

What eroticism. This was just completely erotic.

In the first place Miyabi's body was already erotic, but this dazzling costume and showy dance was boosting up that eroticism.

□Or rather, you are filling your suitcase with something like this!? Your luggage is heavy not because your mom made you bring dresses, this is the main cause no matter how you think about it!□

□Ahahaha, because senpai told me that this is homework! So I give it my all 'whoosh'! Hyuuuu-rurururururu!!□

She was absurdly fired up.

Her breasts that were shaking from her getting carried away were swinging back and forth greatly. The stickers that were clinging on the tips finally came off at that time.

□Oii!?□

The shape of Miyabi's pink colored nipples were burned into my retina.

□Ahaha.....they came oooff□

□Hey, hide them!□

□Hmm, but there are also a lot of people who show their breasts bare at the actual carnival.....and if it's Yuuto then it's fine I guess even if they get see.....besides, we're gonna spend some extreme nights in this summer right?□

□Uu.....□

Miyabi's springy and delicious looking breasts. She became conscious of my fixed stare and smiled invitingly at me with an upward gaze.

Meanwhile, Lizel-senpai's face was absurdly sullen. Scary. I got to seriously emphasize about the mana upper limit increase here.

□Aa, Miyabi? Certainly doing something extreme is a part of the training but.....this isn't a game.□

□Eee, but, you're excited aren't cha Yuuto?□

Miyabi twirled on the spot.

.....Certainly this costume was making Miyabi's lewd body to be even more arousing. However, there was no way the mana upper limit could increase from this kind of joke cos—,

□Mana capacity's upper limit has increased to 60000.□

Ku.....it's frustrating! But it increased!!

—Hm? Wait a sec.

□You mentioned homework.....could it be Reina too?□

□Yeepp. Then, next is Reina. You can stop the music noow□

□U-understood desu desu.□

Reina replied from inside the room. It seemed Reina was the one in charge of the BGM.

□My outfit isn't lovely like the senpais though.....□

The music stopped and Reina appeared from inside the room. Her appearance was—,

White mini—fundoshi.

—R-REINAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA-!?

□Ehehe.....Reina didn't have any budget, so Reina made this from left over cloth desu desu.□

She was smiling in embarrassment, but surely she was feeling embarrassed about the wrong point.

□Reina heard that fundoshi is a formal attire of samurai that has been passed down since the ancient time. Reina is also someone who wield the sword, so it is really fitting on Reina's body desu desu.□

No, rather than fitting you were putting it on too tightly..... Also it was just as she said, her budget was so limited that the fundoshi only covered the minimum surface. Rather, it looked more like super high-leg thong with just a little bit of cloth in between.....it was exactly like that wasn't it?

There was just barely a small cloth wrapped around her chest as.

It was the bandage that was usually wrapped on her arm. The end of it was fluttering in the wind.

Hm?

No matter how I looked, it was unraveling.

□Err.....what do you think, Onii-chan?□

Reina walked toward me bashfully. When she arrived in front of me, the chest wrap had been completely unraveled and fell at the poolside.

Reina's cute breasts that had only started to grow. And then her innocent smile. It was a double punch of immorality. Furthermore even now it was still attached with the option of forbidden siblings relationship.

□Reina.....your, sarashi.....□

□Heh?□

Reina looked down and she was faced with her own breasts.

□A-awawawawah!□

Her face turned crimson and she hid her breasts with both hands.

Umu, I could see Reina's lucky pervert moment after so long. Onii-chan was relieved.

While I was thinking of such stupid thing,

Flutter

This time it was the fundoshi that unraveled and fell.

□FUHYANYAAAAWAWAAWAAWAWAWAWA-WAWA!!□

As expected this was something that I shouldn't see but—it was too late.

To pile up the lucky pervert events like that, as expected from my little sis.
□Mana capacity's upper limit has increased to 70000.□
.....Anyway, the special training was going well.

Chapter 2 - Resort Lovers

Part 1

The days of training camp continued even after that.

We didn't only use water gun. There were various menus.

For example, there were several floating masses on the sea. We would have a spar on top of them. The one who fell into the sea lost. The special training was like something that was done in variety show.

□C'mon, let's rock!□

Miyabi snapped her fingers with a pleased smile. Well, I guess hand-to-hand fighting was Miyabi's field.

And then I was thrown into the sea amusingly.

I was continuing to use Infinite Lovers, so my magic's power should be enough, but Miyabi handily parried, dodged, and landed counter on me. She accurately took advantage when my momentum weakened.

There was also the unstable footing. It made me unable to fully use my power. Besides, thanks to my mana capacity increasing, it became difficult to do the parallel processing of magic instead.

□UOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO.....Oh!?!□

Miyabi's arm entangled around my hand to trap my punch, then she tossed my body really easily into the sea. I floated back to the surface and swam until the buoy where Miyabi was standing.

□Miyabi, it feels like you have gotten better.....□

Not only her reaction speed and the sharpness of her movement, her way of using fundamental magic like Barricade, Armored, and Maximize was also getting better.

Miyabi pulled me out of the sea while smiling proudly.

□Ehehe, since I learned Galactic Striker from that time against Ibiza, somehow it felt like I got a spiritual awakening and my skill kinda felt like it leveled up several times over.□

□I see.....they say a large advance can be born from a single impetus.

That's really encouraging.□

□Well, it's all thanks to Yuuto though! But I'm still not gonna let Yuuto pass me in martial art! You can train with me as much as you want with a 'whump'!□

She said that while puffing out her chest, so her breasts bounced up and down fiercely. It seemed that it was a man's conditional reflex that my eyes were automatically following those bounces, so I couldn't help it.

□Then, wanna have another go?□

□Ou, this time I'm going to throw Miyabi into the sea—□

□warning. It's dangerous to continue activating Infinite Lovers than this.□

□That's what it said.....it's the arcana's doctor orders.□

I took the Lovers arcane hanging from my neck and stared at it. It was inside a case that was attached to a chain as usual, but this time it was also water proofed.

Perhaps because I had been reckless many times before this, the Arcana now would warn me just before I really reached the limit. It was really thoughtful, which made me grateful to it.

The arcane that selected me to be a devil king candidate.

I still didn't really understand why arcana had its own will and why it selected me. Furthermore, I was told that usually the devil king candidates wouldn't hear any voice from their arcana. In my case, not only I could hear its voice, the impression I got from it was that of a capable butler or maid.

□But Yuuto, now you are able to use it for quite long ain't you?□

□Yeah.....though the time limit where I'm able to use it steadily is still around 50 seconds.□

□Then, let's go back to the beach. There.....I'll give you a lot of healing.□

Miyabi said it with reddened cheeks and fawning gaze. It made me a bit embarrassed.

Recently at night, I would do various things with everyone, things that couldn't be said to other people for performing Healing Lovers, so somehow.....it felt like my distance with everyone had become more intimate.

□R-right. Then, let's race until the beach.□

I kicked on the buoy and leaped into the sea.

□Ah! Wait, hyaaaah!□

Miyabi fell into the sea because the buoy shook from my sudden movement. That was my first victory this day.

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Part 2

—Like that, the fierce special training continued at the beach under the sunlight.

Although, we looked like we were simply playing from the perspective of outsider.....even so, the time limit of my Infinite Lovers was gradually increasing.

And then, the second round would begin at night. Every night we would do some intense play as the special training to increase my mana capacity. I was also able to increase this one until 85000 somehow. However it was still far away from reaching the target of 100000 even though it looked close.

Come to think of it—about Neith who ran away after witnessing Healing Lovers at the first day, she still came to give us some refreshments between our training at the next day too. She prepared things like towel, drinks, light and snacks. She was completely like a manager of a sport club, no, even more than that.

And then she also ended up observing Healing Lovers without running away anymore now. Seeing how she came every day, perhaps she didn't really dislike watching the Healing Lovers going on.

Other than that Neith were also doing everything else to take care of us like cleaning the villa or preparing meals.

However Neith was the owner of the villa and on top of that she was a noble daughter. It wasn't right to let her do all those things for us, so we should do it ourselves—we had told her that many times, but every time she would shake her head and said "I like doing this" to refuse us softly.

That was how it had been with Neith. But—,

She didn't show herself today. Usually she would show up around this time with refreshments.

I stared at the cottage that was floating on the sea.

.....As I thought, she must be feeling awkward after what happened last night.

Last night, all the members of Lovers gathered in my room and attempted to break through the limit of Healing Lovers but.....

In the middle of it, when I opened the room's door to get out to have a drink, I came across Neith who was sitting on the floor at the corridor. Her cheeks were red and her gaze appeared intoxicated. Her right hand was touching her chest and her left hand was between her legs.

Both of us froze for two or three seconds, then Neith let out a soundless shriek and ran away.

She was, definitely peeking at us at that time.....furthermore, she was comforting herself.....

Anyone normally wouldn't want to be found in such state no matter what, and yet I caught her red-handed. Neith's shock should be something great. I thought that I had to patch things up with her but.....from Neith's perspective, she was definitely finding it hard to even show her face to me. How could I possibly patch things up with her without hurting her?

□Yuuto, what's wrong?□

I returned to my senses in surprise when Lizel-senpai called to me.

We were in the middle of special training right now. I was recovering my mana and cooling down my magic circuit with Healing Lovers. And the method was by.....me hugging Lizel-senpai from behind while massaging her breasts.

Lizel-senpai was entrusting her body to me slovenly under a beach parasol. We couldn't stick to each other any closer than this. Senpai's skin that I was feeling on my front was even more wonderful than the highest class of silk. In addition her black hair and neck were giving off a really nice smell. This was the greatest healing. And yet I was dazing off. It was really a waste even if I said so myself.

□Your heart isn't in it, even though I'm generously healing you with my breasts right now.□

□S-sorry.....□

I apologized. Even so in my heart I was thinking that senpai was also cute when she was slightly sulking.

Right now there was nobody else in the beach other than senpai and me. We had completely gotten used with Neith bringing refreshments for us, so we hadn't prepared any drinks by ourselves at all. Miyabi and Reina were returning to the cottage to search for drinks and snacks.

□Actually, about what happened last night—□

I talked to Lizel-senpai about last night. While fondling her breasts.

□Nn♥.....I see. And then.....she isn't showing herself, today.....□

□I hope she isn't feeling hurt by what happened.....□

□Indeed.....thi-.....this is a good chance, ah♥ I'll try, talking to, Neith□

□A good chance?□

□Yes, I have been thinking from some time ago, but Neith is—□

I felt a stinging tension on my skin at that moment.

□!?□

I immediately activated magic. I took a leap backward while keeping my tight hold on Lizel-senpai.

Right after that, a sharp sound was slicing through air toward us.

The beach parasol was severed into two and flew to the air.

If looked from above, the sight of a shockwave rushing forward and splitting the beach into two would become visible.

—What in the world happened!?

I landed and lowered down Lizel-senpai on the beach.

□.....It seems, this is the work of that lot.□

From the direction where the shockwave came, four people came out from the forest that was spreading toward the mountain.

The one standing at the forefront was a slim and tall man. He was casually wearing an outfit that looked like a military uniform. His hand was holding an unsheathed katana. He brushed up his black hair casually and grinned brazenly.

□You dodged my attack just now.....who the hell are you bastard?□

A dangerous atmosphere was radiating from his whole body. Most likely he was a Card of some other devil king candidate.

□Ahaha, it's rare for Tougou-san to miss the first attack.□

A relatively small man appeared from the shadow of the tall man.

The young man had a baby face and seemed like the lively sort. He was carrying a sword and wearing the same style of military uniform like the man.

However I never saw these two at the academy.

□Shut your trap Koshirae. Just tell me, who the hell are these two.□

□Who knows. I almost never go to school.□

□Useless guy.□

□Tougou-san is also the same like me though.□

The two were carelessly chatting with each other, but the mana that they were radiating showed that they weren't ordinary people. But, where did the information leak from? There should be nobody who knew that we were here other than Neith and Stella.

□Well, it doesn't matter as long we cut them down. Oi rookie, I don't mind giving them to you if you want to kill them.□

There was a familiar girl standing beside them. Light brown hair and lacey blindfold. Then feminine white uniform.

□.....□

Was that Nihondou Swordia? She should be a Card of the Moon's with number II.....

I see, Stella said that she had defeated the Moon, Kitakami Lunatic. Then she might have become a Card of another devil king candidate.

The man called Tougou showed an irritated expression because Swordia stayed quiet.

□Tsk, this newcomer is too untalkative.□

□Wait Hachimaki.□

Just as I imagined, from behind Swordia, a different devil king candidate other than the Moon Kitakami Lunatic appeared. That was—,

The Strength, Sannou.....Rikimaru?

Red hair that was tied into ponytail. Purple eyes. Her face was undoubtedly the face of Rikimaru.

But, she wasn't wearing a jersey. She dressed like a knight in fantasy story with a short mantle on her back. There was also a sword dangling on her waist.

As expected she wasn't wearing a full armor, but she even wore armor on her chest and shoulder, so she looked even more like a knight. However her attire was feminine. I could clearly see her bare thighs from her mini skirt. That was.....Rikimaru right?

It wasn't just her attire that was different from before. Her expression, or rather her atmosphere was completely different.

Her high tension and playful atmosphere from before had gone completely. Her expression was really imposing. This different Rikimaru talked to the tall man with a cool voice.

□Hachimaki, you're just too rash.□

□What do you mean general?□

□Look closer. That's not the prey that we are pursuing.□

□Aa.....well, they look similar anyway. A living creature suddenly appeared before me, so I reflexively slashed.□

□Be a bit more prudent, Hachimaki Tougou. If not, you cannot serve as my Ace.□

It was a dignity that was unthinkable coming from Rikimaru. It was like she was a different person. Besides it was also surprising that her Cards weren't bodybuilders.

Could it be that Rikimaru had split personality? Or perhaps she would change her character depending on her mood? This girl was also a devil king candidate. So even if it seemed farfetched, it wouldn't be surprising for her to have unique disposition compared to the normal human.

After she finished reprimanding Hachimaki, Rikimaru turned her face toward me.

□You two over there, I have a bit of question. Did you see any beast around here?□

□.....Beast?□

□Yeah. We are going hunting for a bit of warming up before participating in the devil king war for real. However, we got lost while chasing after our prey.□

Eh? Did this girl forget about me.....? In that case, that would be more convenient for us too. I was still not prepared to fight right now.

□We haven't seen any beast. If you are looking for one, shouldn't it be inside the mountain?□

I pointed at the Gaol Mountain. Rikimaru raised her voice in surprise.

□This isn't our territory anymore.....furthermore, we have crossed to the other side of the mountain. Where is this place?□

The baby faced man who was called Koshirae answered that question.

□Aa, I think the area around here is the territory of Chariot.□

Rikimaru glared at Lizel-senpai and me with a sharp gaze.

□Then you two are the Cards of Chariot?□

□No.....we aren't.□

The way things were going was turning slightly ominous. Perhaps we should have left before they asked about our identity. Lizel-senpai also seemed to think about the same thing and she lightly lowered her head.

□We are only coming here for our holiday. We won't get in your way, so please excuse us.□

Senpai and I were about to walk along the beach to leave. However—,

□Wait.□

Rikimaru called us to stop with a doubting gaze.

□You two aren't ordinary people. State your name and status.□

Shit.....this was bad. This girl was unexpectedly sharp, even though she was just Rikimaru.

□Haha, we aren't anyone worth remembering.....□

I forced a smile on my face to act like a small fry. But then,

□Lovers devil king candidate, Morioka Yuuto, and his Queen, Himekami Lizel.□

Nihondou Swordia who had been standing still like a doll until then suddenly muttered with a small voice.

This girl could talk!? Also, she could see even with that blindfold!?

□.....What did you say?□

Rikimaru's eyes turned grave. Next Hachimaki started laughing in excitement.

□Wahahahahahaha! That's damn awesome! A real prey suddenly showed up just like this!!□

Shit! We easily got found out! Though it was stranger that we didn't get found out until now though!

Lizel-senpai and I gradually backed away.

□Yossha! Let's get into killing yeah!□

Hachimaki pointed his katana's tip at me.

□Wait Hachimaki.□

I felt a bit relieved because Rikimaru stopped him. After all it was a battle between devil king candidates. Even the other side must want to get into the fighting after making preparation rather than suddenly getting into a fight like this.

□First is introduction. Both sides have to introduce themselves. That is justice.□

□.....That's real annoying. Oi, I'm the Ace of Justice, Hachimaki Tougou.□
—Justice?

Why was Justice's Ace accompanying the Strength devil king candidate?

□I'm the number one guy in the devil world when it come to sword. Is that alright, general?□

□Very good. Kill.□

What the hell was that!?

□Where in the world is the justice in that huh!?!□

I said that in sarcasm, but it seemed that it didn't get through to Rikimaru. Rather she let out a sigh as though to say that she was tired from dealing with someone stupid.

□What do you know about justice?□

J-justice? Even if you suddenly asked me that.....how should I describe it? Rikimaru declared casually while I was at a loss for words.

□I am justice.□

□Ha?□

□You don't get it? I'm saying that I'm justice. What I think, what I say, what I do, everything is justice.□

No, that couldn't be called justice at all.

□Therefore, anyone who oppose me is evil to the core, a sin. As justice, I have to destroy evil no matter what. It doesn't matter what kind of treatment evil receive. After all it's only their just desert.□

What self-righteousness. Something like that wasn't justice or anything.

□Come to think of it, before this you said that strength is justice.....but you see, something like that isn't justice at all! That's just your ego! Strength, Sannou Rikimaru!□

Rikimaru's cool expression twisted.

□.....What did you say?□

And then she glared at me with an angry expression—no, with flame of fury.

□Who are you calling Strength!? You insolent fellow!□

—Ha!?

Her composed attitude until then had changed completely into a furious rage.

□My name is Sannou Seigi!! The devil king candidate of Justice!□ (TN: Seigi means justice in Japan.)

—Ha!?

Justice she said? However she looked exactly like the Strength Rikimaru..... not just looking the same, she was practically the same person. Everything other than her look, like attitude, way of talking, and atmosphere was completely different though.

□How dare you confuse me with that fool of an elder sister Rikimaru.....this is unforgivable! Lovers!!□

□.....Elder sister?□

I turned a questioning gaze to Lizel-senpai beside me.

□It's true. The Strength Sannou Rikimaru and the Justice Sannou Seigi are twin sisters.□

Sisters!? What's more they were twins!?

□How can both twins become devil king candidates.....□

When I muttered that, a happy-go-lucky laughing voice resounded throughout the beach.

□Ahahahahahahahahh! Exaaactly!! The strongest sisters in history! They are—□

Coming from who know where, she danced in the air with the sun on her back. Her body rotated round and round and landed on the sandy beach.
□Making their dashing entrance! The Strength Rikimaru-chan and her little sister!□

She was wearing a jersey with short sleeves and training wear that exposed her navel. For some reason she was looking smug.

Aa.....this idiotic way to make her entrance. There was no doubt about it, this one was the real Sannou Rikimaru.

Seigi glared at such Rikimaru with a clearly displeased expression.

□.....What are you here for, my stupid elder sister. Also don't treat me as an extra. I'll cut you.□

Rikimaru responded with a smiling face that was the exact opposite from Seigi.

□Ahahaha! Actually Rikimaru-chan was training in the mountain to prepare for fighting in the devil king war for real! But, I got lost and I was here before I realized it!!□

For some reason Rikimaru made a V sign proudly after saying that.

Seigi stared at that bitterly.

Somehow I could guess the relationship between the two. However, looking from how they were similarly doing special training in preparation for the devil king war, furthermore they chose the same place and also similarly got lost, these two were really twin sisters. While I was thinking such thing—,

□Rikimaru-sama!!□

Some more footsteps were approaching this way.

□There are a lot of customers today.....□

Lizel-senpai made a fed up expression seeing the additional bunch that came into the beach.

It was a group of muscle masses.

No matter how you looked at them, you would be forced to realize that they were the Cards of Strength.

□So you are here!? Everyone has been looking for you!□

The one who came running while yelling that loudly—was astonishingly a silver haired beautiful girl.

Her height was around the same with Miyabi. Compared to the other Cards of Strength, she was slender as expected. She had the physique of someone trained in hand-to-hand fighting.

Her outfit was a sports bra and tight hotpants. It was an outfit for showing off her well trained body. In fact, her arms and legs and also her abs were splendidly muscular.

It seemed her skin had gotten tanned while she was wearing a different costume. There was a clear sign of tanning on her upper arm and thighs that looked strangely sexy.

□Oo, Flor!? You guys, this is the Queen of Strength. Ishiwari Flor!!□



It was surprising that there was a girl among her Cards.

Then one other person came from behind them. This one gave off the exact impression like what you would expect from a Card of Strength. No—his atmosphere was slightly different from all the bodybuilders until now. His mana and presence were at a different level.

Tall body that was easily more than two meters and abnormally bulging muscles. If one had to describe his look, then Moai statue would best describe it. His neck that was thicker than his head didn't look like it could snap no matter what happened.

In addition his body was also unbelievable rugged. His wide shoulder width, then his bulky chest that was as wide as the shoulder width of a normal person, and his contrastively slender waist. Muscles were bulging up from his whole body with deep curvature. And then as though to add to the menacing air of that body, there was tattoo all over his body.

□This guy is my Ace, Daikyoukin Igor!! His muscles are amazing right!?!□

As expected this guy was the Ace. Heat and mana were overflowing together from his body. I felt that there was also strong magic circuit concealed within his body.

□.....□

He was also silent like a Moai statue.

□How's that!? He has an amazing form right!? Rikimaru-chan and co can win with just these muscles!!□

No.....certainly those muscles were amazing but.....I thought there was something wrong here.

Seigi was glaring at her big sister Rikimaru with an annoyed face.

□Stop. Don't shame our Sannou family even more than this, my disgraceful elder sister.□

□What are you embarrassed about!? My little sister! Just tell Onee-chan if you got bullied by the other devil king candidates! I'll take revenge for you!□

□Keep the sleep-talking for when you are asleep! There is no way I'll ever seek help from you even if the devil world is destroyed!□

□When we were small, I went to take revenge for you when you came home crying after getting bulled didn't I!□

Seigi's face went red and her hand moved toward her sword's handle.

□I'll kill you here!!□

□Ahaha! You're in a rebellious phase aren't you! Yoosh, then Onee-chan will play with you!! I'll beat you up affectionately!□

Lizel-senpai and I were showed such fruitless argument. It made me wanted to ask if we could go back already.

□.....What should we do, senpai?□

□It looks like it's a complete coincidence that these two are here.....if possible, it will be a real help if these sisters fight each other instead of us though.□

That would certainly be ideal. We didn't have any preparation at our side, and our number was also inferior. To be honest it would be too harsh to face the Sannou sisters along with all their Cards at the same time. I hope these sisters could keep quarrelling like this and left.

At the other side, other than Rikimaru and Seigi, the Cards also looked like they had nothing do.

□Errr, Lovers devil king candidate and his Queen? Ah, my name is Koshirae Kenji.□

The baby faced Card of Justice, he talked to use because he had nothing to do.

□Why are you two in this kind of place? Don't tell me it's for vacation?□

□Yeah, something like that.□

□Hee, taking it easy aren't you?□

Then next the silver haired muscular girl—Ishiwari Flor stared at us with interest.

□Then this is really a fortuitous coincidence. After all the whereabouts of Lovers was unknown since the summer vacation started. To think that you will be in this kind of place. Could it be.....you were waiting for us?□

She said that while tilting her head a little and winked.

Lizel-senpai's expression was bitter.

I, I understood you feeling! I thought that senpai's strategy was great and worked really well! We were just unlucky.....I really wanted to encourage her like that.

□Yuuto!! Senpai!!□

□Onii-chan!!□

Miyabi and Reina came running from the cottage in their swimsuit. It seemed they had noticed the strangeness. Flor sported a belligerent smile seeing them.

□Of course she is here.....Yuugaoze.□

She headed toward Miyabi with sands bellowing up behind her.

□Eh!? Flor!?□

Miyabi put a sudden brake and stopped still. Reina kept running toward us, but Flor didn't even glance at her.

□Yuugaoze!!□

Flor made use of her running speed and leaped at Miyabi. And then her body twisted midair and she launched a murderous spinning kick. Miyabi moved forward and guarded that kick with her arms.

□Kuh.....!□

Miyabi's body was blown to the side. However, her she thrust her hand to the sand and her body twirled around to land on the ground. She glared at Flor.

□What are you doing so suddenly!? Flor!□

□Ahaha, it's fine isn't it. We are rivals aren't we?□

Miyabi made a fed-up smile.

□Geez.....stop decided that I'm your rival as you please.....or rather Flor, you joined Strength just as expected huh.□

What? They weren't enemies but friends?

Senpai explained to me who didn't understand what their relationship was.

□Those two has been acquainted since middle school. Ishiwari House has the rank of count, just slightly below Miyabi. And then she picked a fight with Miyabi to try to make her as her foil.....that's what I heard.□

Uwaa.....that sounded troublesome.

Flor snorted with a smug smile.

□I'm the Queen of Strength. You are Lovers' Princess. In other words, I'm now above you! How's that? Recognize your defeat!□

□Aa, amazing.....□

Miyabi's reply was clearly monotone. Even then Flor seemed satisfied with that. She puffed out her chest and snorted.

□Fufuuun. Naturally. After all my body is different from your flabby body. My muscle mass and body fat percentage are superior compared to your body!□

Flor put her strength into her abdomen and displayed her six packs.

□Don't call me flabby! I'm not fat!□

□Then how about you go diet? If you lose your fat, you will also look quiet muscular right?□

□No.....because, that's not cute.□

Snap It felt like there was a snapping sound from Flor's forehead.

□You are calling me not cute!?!□

Flor raised her fists and closed her distance with Miyabi.

□That's not what I'm sayi.....aaah geez! No other way!!□

Miyabi also clenched her fists and took a stance.

Somehow they started fighting on their own there. On the other hand, Reina who was running toward me was glaring at Swordia with a grim stare.

□Onii-chan, why is that person.....□

□It looks like she has become Justice's Card.....come to think of it, before this you spoke like she is your acquaintance wasn't it? Do you have some connection with her?□

□She is, Reina's senior disciple desu desu.□

Sister disciple?

□You mean, in swordsmanship?□

□Desu desu.□

□Is she strong?□

□.....Reina has never won against her even once desu.□

That girl was.....

□But, Reina has also grown stronger since then desu.□

Reina untied the cord of the katana on her back and unsheathed it. When Reina took a stance with the long sword that was as tall as her, it wasn't Swordia but Hachimaki who grinned.

□It's nice that you're using sword.....then, let's have a death—ah, oi!□

Swordia ignored Hachimaki and stepped forward. And then she quietly unsheathed her katana. There were two swords hanging on her waist. She held each of them in her left and right hands in two swords style.

The ignored Hachimaki clicked his tongue in annoyance.

□You bitch, don't you ignore your senior!□

But Koshirae retorted from beside him while holding back his laughter.

□But, Tougou-san said before this that you don't mind giving them to her.□

□.....She should speak then.□

He folded his arms with a sullen look. It seemed he had no intention of butting in.

Swordia herself didn't seem to listen at all to that conversation. She faced Reina. Her blindfold was covering her eyes, but surely they were currently directed toward Reina. Reina was also turning a grim gaze toward Swordia. Right now the two of them couldn't see anybody else except each other.

□Come, Reina.□

□.....Understood.□

Her usually cute little sister face had changed to a sharp expression of a master swordsman.

The sand was blasted up. Reina's figure vanished from view.

The next moment, sparks scattered in front of Swordia. She had crossed her two swords and blocked Reina's katana.

□Fast. Your strength has also dramatically improved.□

□The current Reina is different from the past Reina desu desu!□

Swordia's swords were hit aside and Reina attacked further. However Swordia dodged with a beautiful movement and switched into counterattack.

□.....Tsu!□

She was cornering Reina with a skillful use of her two swords. Reina parried them all and then she used the slight opening that appeared to launch a powerful swing of her long sword.

Swordia blocked the long sword with her two swords. The attack was so powerful it looked like the two swords might snap and Swordia backed off slightly.

Reina was in a battle mode, in contrast Swordia's expression was like an iron mask. Her eyes could be seen because of her blindfold, but her mouth and cheeks didn't show any change at all. She really looked like a doll.

Reina's sword was like flame. In respond she parried it with a cold swordsmanship and calmly slashed when she found a slight opening.

Rikimaru was provoked by that exchange and her body trembled.

□What what!? You guys are heating up over there! Rikimaru-chan want to join too!!□

Rikimaru jumped high in the air and fell toward me.

□Barricade!!□

□Don't! Dodge!!□

Lizel-senpai yelled at me who was trying to deploy a defensive magic.

At that time, Rikimaru's body was radiating golden mana.

□Strength is justice! Strength is power!!□

The air around her pulled back fist was wavering.

□Warning. That attack cannot be blocked. Recommending evasion.□

—What!?

Arcana's voice echoed inside my head.

□Kuh!□

I kicked on the sandy ground to jump to the side.

Then a shockwave blasted on my back while I was in midair.

□UOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!□

I pitched forward and rolled on the beach. I could see the beach getting exploded through my rolling sight. The sands rolled up until the height of dozens of meters.

It was an impact and explosion like a meteor had fallen.

—What.....just happened?

A giant crater was formed at the beach. Sannou Rikimaru was crouching at the center of it. Her right fist was sinking into the bedrock that appeared under the sand.

I was sensing a magic formula and mana inside Rikimaru's body. However, I didn't feel any mana at all from the explosion just now. It was as though it was just a physical phenomenon.

No—that was impossible.

Without using magic, Rikimaru was just a girl even if she was a devil. There should be no way she could let out a punch with such explosive might.

Rikimaru stood up and showed an extremely smug face.

□This is Rikimaru-chan's characteristic magic StrongestFantasy Physics!!

There is nothing that Rikimaru-chan cannot break!□

□Characteristic magic you say!?□

Rikimaru ran toward me who had just landed on the ground.

□Yuuto!□

Senpai who landed some distance away from me also tried to rush toward me.

However—a huge body stood in her way before she could. That was Strength's Ace, Igor.

□You're in my way! Step aside!!□

However Igor didn't reply. He raised up his huge fist in the place of a reply.

Magic letters that looked like tattoo floated up on the fist.

Intense flame and whirlwind burst out at the same time when he swung down his fist.

□Senpai!?□

The whirlwind lightly hoisted up senpai's body.

□Kuh.....you have strength, I'll give you that!□

Senpai used magic to control her posture—there, Igor's other fist punched straight forward.

□.....Tsu!!□

Senpai instantly formed a Barricade and blocked the fist. However Igor's punch mercilessly struck senpai's slender body with explosive destructive power.

Senpai was sent flying along with her defensive magic into the sea.

That guy wasn't just muscles like everybody before him. An absurd amount of mana and thick magic circuit could be felt from inside that huge body.

□Lizel-senpai!!□

I felt cold for a moment, but senpai immediately stood up and brushed up her hair.

□You don't need to worry about me! Don't let your guard down!!□

I really wanted to go there to help her but, there was an even more dangerous fellow than Igor in front of me.

—The Strength devil king candidate, Sannou Rikimaru.

□C'mon c'mon!! What's wrong what's wrong Lovers!□

She was shorter than me, and even among girls she could be classified as petite. When compared to her Cards who boasted robust physique, her body style was just too normal. She was far slender even when compared to Ishiwari Flor.

However, her power—,

□FUAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!□

Rikimaru launched a punch toward me.

The sound of something slicing through air as though a jet fight had passed through instantly ran through beside me. Something unseen went past.

Then a deep trench was carved into the sandy ground and the trees at far away were sent flying.

Just the shockwave that was generated from her punch was this powerful.

Cold sweat flowed down from my forehead.

If Seigi and her Cards also attacked us in this situation—,

I glanced at them to check. There Hachimaki was pouting in dissatisfaction.

□General, aren't we going to join in too?□

□Let the rookie do it. We won't have any part in it. I'll puke if I have to fight together with my elder sister.□

□So we are just audiences then. That's fun.□

It was a saving grace that those three wouldn't participate. Even so, I already got my hands full just with Rikimaru alone. Far from defeating her, I was desperate from just enduring her attack.

Rikimaru's tension was increasing even more. She was shadow boxing with jaunty footsteps.

□C'mon c'mon!! If you don't counterattack, you'll get beaten up to death just like this! But you will still die in the end though! After all Rikimaru-chan is too powerful!□

Senpai, Miyabi, and Reina, all of them were fighting.

I too had to cut through this with my own strength!

□Here I go! Infinite Lovers!!□

Right now was the time to make use of the result of my special training—although the time limit was only around a minute. I'd die if I didn't finish this during that time.

□FidezenonScorching Hell Flame!!□

I used advanced magic right from the start.

But, this wasn't an opponent that I could hold back against. Although she only had great strength going for her, she was a monster with the way she went to the extreme with it. Every single punch of Rikimaru was like a nuclear bomb.

I couldn't let this fight dragged on longer than this. I'd go fast!!

□GOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!□

Flame surged out from the magic circle as though the kettle of hell had been overturned. The eruption of magma and volcanic projectiles assaulted Rikimaru.

□FUOOOOOO.....□

Rikimaru pulled back her fist to the limit.

Don't tell me.....she was going to oppose Fidezenon with her punch!?

□HAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!□

That was exactly what she did.

Rikimaru faced the flame and punched it with her fist.

The hell fire stopped.

That powerful fist punched back Fidezeonon as though it was twisting the law of physics.

The Fidezenon that I fired was coming back to attack myself.

□Dammit! Stride!□

I dodged by moving along the coastline. I needed to take a distance and thought up a countermeasure!

□C'mon c'mon, what kind of magic you're going to fire next?□

□Eh!?□

Rikimaru was running right beside me.

□.....Wha-!!□

□No need to hold back! Rikimaru-chan's whole body is weapon! After all!!□

I didn't feel the magic of Stride from Rikimaru. She was running wholly with her own leg strength.

No, wrong. This was—,

□If you aren't going to attack, I'll be the one to do it!□

Rikimaru cut the air with a hand chop.

In that instant, gust blew through beside me. My cheek was cut open.

□Guou!?□

I stumbled on the sand and fell on that spot.

Was this also Rikimaru's Strongest.....?

Teach me, arcana!

□Analysis. Sannou Rikimaru's characteristic magic Strongest is a magic to manipulate kinetic energy to materialize physical phenomenon that is

realistically impossible to occur. However, the effect isn't because of magic. The effect is wholly exerted as physical phenomenon.□

In other words, it was a screwed up physic!

I jumped on my feet and immediately took my next move. I covered my body with Armored and activated explosive magic in parallel. Unlike flame type, if it was with this magic that caused explosion in the pinpointed location, she should be unable to punch it back.

□DestructshearMagic Explosion Pulverizer!!□

This was the advanced version of explosion magic that I learned in this training camp.

Flame blast spread out underneath Rikimaru—but, my field of vision was turned upside down before that.

□Wha.....□

□Slow, too slow! Rikimaru-chan's movement is faster than your magic can activate!□

My body was sent flying by Rikimaru and rolled on the sandy beach.

Destructshear's explosion blast rose up behind the elated looking Rikimaru. Shit.....!

It didn't work.

Even though it was the new advanced magic that I learned as the result of this training camp.

It was useless in front of Rikimaru's Strongest.

I needed more power.

If only I had a strong attack method that wouldn't lose even against Strongest!

I gritted my teeth.

Don't complaint, Morioka Yuuto.

I could only manage somehow using what I had in hand right now.

I still had other method! If I could stop her movement using ice magic—,

□Warning. Using Infinite Lovers continuously longer than this is dangerous.□

Suddenly the mana supply was cut off. The mana that was produced from inside my body by Infinite Lovers vanished. My whole body was flooded with an intense fatigue and headache.

□Da.....dammit!! It's time's up already.....tsu!?!□

My knees lost strength and slumped down. Rikimaru started laughing seeing that.

□Ahahahahaha! Whaaat, you aren't really a big deal! Even though I heard that you defeated World and Devil and Tower. But this is because Rikimaru-chan is too strong!□

Rikimaru came until right in front of me and puffed out her chest with the highest level of smug look.

□After all, the current devil king was a devil king candidate of Strength!

That's why it will be the natural result for Rikimaru-chan to be the winner this time too!□

□.....What did you say?□

Headmaster Gandou Barbatos was a devil king candidate of Strength.....?
In that case it was convincing to say that Strength was the prime candidate to be the next devil king. On the other hand, I was the Lovers devil king candidate that was said to be the weakest.

Then, it was also natural that I couldn't win—,

□Yuuto!!□

I could hear Lizel-senpai's sorrowful voice.

I looked toward the direction of the voice with my hazy mind. Over there, I saw Lizel-senpai standing in the seawater that reached until her thigh facing Igor who was several times bigger than her.

Igor was waiting at the beach for senpai to come out from the sea. It looked like she couldn't come here to help me even if she wanted to.

Senpai bit her lip. Her eyes were shining blue and caught Igor's figure.

□—I don't have any time to keep you company.□

She held out her left hand to the front.

I thought she was going to fire a magic. However, instead of deploying a magic circle of attack magic, magic letters were flowing to twine around Lizel-senpai's left hand. She then clenched her hand to grab those letters.

Magic letters were running vertically and transforming into physical form.

That was.....?

—A bow.

It was a white bow with beautiful form.

It was so sublime that rather than a weapon of a devil, it looked more like a weapon that was bestowed from god.

Lizel-senpai's left hand was holding a bow.

And then her right hand was holding an arrow when I noticed.

Igor seemed to sense a danger. He started running toward senpai. He attacked in a straight line without any regard for the sea water.

However senpai's expression didn't change,

She nocked the arrow,

Drew the bow,

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And the arrow—

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Penetrated Igor's body.

Wind blew through between me and Rikimaru.

A metallic sound passed through.

Rikimaru's front lock swayed.

The severed hair was blown by the wind.

—It happened in just an instant.

The arrow was too fast that I couldn't see it.

Rather than an arrow, it was like a light.

Rikimaru's eyes also widened like saucer and her face was twitching.

□Hyaa.....this is, shocking.□

Her neck turned stiffly like a machine that hadn't been oiled. She stared at the direction from where the arrow came from.

Igor was falling with a splash at that moment. That huge body was sinking into the waves.

Ahead of that, Lizel-senpai was staring over here with eyes that were like hawk.

She was already nocking the second arrow and drawing the bow.

My throat gulped.

How reliable—however I was feeling more scared than that.

I shuddered at that strength that defeated the Ace of Strength with one shot.

In addition, the arrow would have gone through Rikimaru's head if it was just a bit closer.

I didn't know that Lizel-senpai was using something like bow.

Furthermore the power was no joke.

What in the world that bow was?

□Hee, I have heard the rumor, so that's Himekami House's bloodline magic.....CupidMarriage Bow Rending Shot eeh.□

□The next one will go through your head.□

□Ahaha, go through Rikimaru-chan's head? Do you think you can do something like that?□

□Easily.□

□.....□

As expected, even Rikimaru's happy-go-lucky attitude vanished with that. She was staring at senpai with a cold gaze.

□Sannou Rikimaru, you also don't want to end the game here right? Pull back now if you aren't stupid.□

Rikimaru narrowed her eyes and grinned.

□But, I have cornered him until this point.....might as well□

While her gaze was returning to me, it felt like Rikimaru's eyes was locked on Seigi just for a moment.

Golden light gathered in Rikimaru's fist.

□The Lovers' head, is mine!!□

The fist was swung down toward me.

The arrow flew off from senpai's bow.

Seigi drew out her sword.

Who would be the first,

Rikimaru's fist was right in front of my eyes,

That golden light covered my vision—

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.....Eh?

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Rikimaru was standing in front of me with her fist raised.

Her face looked surprised, as though she didn't understand what was going on.

And then Lizel-senpai was also looking dumbfounded with her arrow still knocked on her bow.

When I looked around, Seigi, Miyabi and Flor, Reina and Swordia, Justice's Cards, Strength's Cards, everyone was looking bewildered.

This is, don't tell me—

□This is troubling. Everyone is doing as they pleased.□

The man walking on the beach spoke like he was rebuking his naughty classmates.

—That guy,

He was wearing hood over his head and black jacket. Under the hood was red hair and a face sporting a thin smile.

Joudogahama Lost. And then—

Following behind him was the devil king candidate of Wheel of Fortune, Shimokadzuma Rinne. Red blood was trickling from her arm.

As I thought, it seemed they had rewound the time.

.....Don't tell me, they saved me?

Seigi frowned.

□You are the one doing as you pleased. Although it was a rash action in my stupid elder sister's part, it was still a battle of devil king war. What is your intention by overturning everything so blatantly like this? Depending on your answer—□

Seigi put her hand on her sword's handle once more. Lost smiled wryly seeing that.

□It's a lesson for the future you see. One day everyone in the alliance will fight each other, but right now we need to join our strength with united mind. What I did this time is to have all of you engrave that lesson deeply in your heart.□

□Unacceptable.□

Seigi pulled out her sword.

And then Rikimaru also moved away from me and walked toward Lost.

□Oh? What's the matter you two? Scary.□

Lost quickly moved his gaze between the two.

□Come to think of it, you still haven't showed us your true strength.....□

□Yeeep. You are always hiding behind Rinne. Could it be that you are actually weak?□

Then Rinne who was standing behind Lost quietly stepped forward.

Rikimaru and Rinne glared at each other.

□Hm? What is it? Do you have any complain for Rikimaru-chan?□

There was no change in Rinne's expression. She was smiling like usual. However—she was angry.

The atmosphere was strained.

The flow suddenly changed with Lost's appearance. It felt like another falling out would begin with a different pairing this time.

□.....Good grief. It can't be helped.□

Lost spoke with a casual voice to break the tension.

□Step back Rinne. I'll do it.□

Rinne looked like she wanted to say something, but she obediently followed his words.

□I don't really feel like doing it.....but, feel free to kill me if doing that can convince you.□

Come, do your worst, Lost spread open his hands defenselessly as though to say that.

Rikimaru and Seigi exchanged gazes with each other for a moment, then they closed their distance with Lost seriously.

And then—

They attacked at the same time.

Their movement was completely synchronized.

It was a splendid combination, as though they had trained a lot to reach such level of coordination.

Rikimaru's fist pierced Lost's left chest, while Seigi's sword stabbed his right chest.

Lost,

—lost.

Easily.

Black ichors spilled out from the two holes that were opened in his body.

A dead devil king candidate would be swallowed into a black swamp and sent to purgatory. The black swamp was the messenger of death. Even a devil couldn't escape from there.

That was how it should be,

However—

Lost was still smiling calmly. It was eerie.

And then Rikimaru and Seigi who should be the winner were looking sullen.

Rikimaru and Seigi leaped back and took a lot of distance from Lost.

□H-hey, Seigi-chan. I didn't feel aaany response at all just now.□

□Yeah.....what in the world is this guy's body—□

The black ichors that looked like it would swallow Lost's body suddenly attacked Rikimaru and Seigi.

□What!?!□

The two of them leaped further backward.

□W-what the hell!? Why is it trying to swallow us!?!□

□I don't know.....why is it trying to swallow us instead of the dead!?!□

Lost grinned.

□Eh? You two can't kill me? Even though I'm slightly hopeful heree□

The black swamp was the messenger of death that sent devils to the world of the death.



—Death god.

Don't tell me.

Seigi took another stance with her sword.

□I don't know what kind of trick it is but.....there is nothing that my sword can't cut!!□

She attacked once more.

She moved faster this time. Her step couldn't be followed by naked eye. Her attack split open Lost's head.

—That was how it looked.

□Wha.....□

Lost's right hand caught Seigi's sword.

That hand was wrapped in jet black armor.

That arm was giving off ominous feeling—it really was like the armor of death god.

□You bastard.....since when you□

He was barehanded until just a moment ago.

However, I saw it—just for an instant. The black swamp clung on Lost's arm.

Was that something that was made from that black swamp hardening?

Lost smiled gently.

□This is my characteristic magic DreamingAtrocious Dream you know.□

Seigi frowned and put more strength into her sword handle. Lost stared at such Seigi with a consoling smile.

□You still want to continue?□

□What did you say?□

□Because, you wanted to see my true strength right? Then you should have already fulfilled your objective.□

□.....Perhaps so. But, it's also annoying for me to be thought as weaker than you.□

Seigi kicked on the sand and leaped backward to take some distance once more.

□I shall get serious too.□

The mana that I felt from Seigi changed. It was becoming powerful as though she was a different person than before.

She pointed the tip of her sword toward Lost.

□You can feel proud in that world. It's an honor that you can be consigned to oblivion by my characteristic magic.□

Swords suddenly grew out from under the sand.

One, two, one after another, sword tips thrust out from the ground until the number became innumerable.

Lost immediately became isolated in the middle of a mountain of needle.

□Receive my characteristic magic with your body.□

The ground shook and the beach's sand began to jump. Seigi's mana was gradually increasing. Its might and dreadfulness had swelled up as though she was a completely different person than before.

□Hee.....so this is Justice's characteristic magic.□

Lost showed no sign of panic at all. He was looking around the lined up swords as though he was enjoying the scenery.

□Take this! Sixers666!!□

When Seigi yelled that—,

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□Fuaaaaaa.....aaaaa~□

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A carefree yawning could be heard. That voice was really out of place in this situation.

There was a beach bed placed in some distance from here. There was someone lying down on it.

.....Since when it was there?

□Good grief, the youths are really energetic.....I can't even take a nap like this.□

The person who woke up from the beach bed was wearing aloha shirt and short pants. He took off his sunglasses and the face that appeared was—,

□Headmaster!?□

It was the headmaster of devil king academy, Gandou Barbatos.

□Yo, Yuuto. You are popular like always huh.□

□Heh? N-no, rather this feels like three carnages piling up at the same time though.....□

I responded in bewilderment. The headmaster laughed loudly *wahahaha* to that.

□I'm envious! No seriously! I even feel jealous at you!!□

He hit my back enthusiastically. His eyes looked completely serious when saying that, so I was a bit scared.

□Putting that aside.....□

The headmaster turned his gaze toward Lost.

□You are the Death devil king candidate huh.□

He casually headed toward Lost with his feet that were wearing beach sandal.

Lost's face that was always wearing a composed smile was mixed with the color of nervousness for the first time.

The headmaster came to a stop in front of him. Then he stroked his beard while staring at Lost evaluatingly.

□I wished that you would show your face at least once. Why aren't you coming to the academy?□

Lost ignored that question and grinned fearlessly.

□This is unexpected.....I never thought that I would be able to meet the current devil king here.□

□Ha-ha-ha, you will be able to meet me anytime if you enroll into the devil king academy!□

□I'm not interested with that kind of academy.□

□Hou?□

□Something like that is just a house of cards. It will crumble one day. No, I'll be the one collapsing it.□

□What what? School violence? Something like that, Sensei is—□

The headmaster grinned.

□Gonna love it.□

A chill ran through my back.

The headmaster wasn't emitting any mana or using any magic.

However, I felt that the headmaster was extremely terrifying at that moment.

Lost showed a defiant smile without any fear in front of such headmaster.

□.....I'll crush the devil king academy. You included.□

□Hou, that's really promising.□

□You can make that kind of face only for now.□

□Is that sooo? Though I look like this, sensei is also quite strong you know?□

□In the past right?□

Lost made a cynical smile before he turned around.

□Your era is already over.□

And then he vanished into the forest without looking back. Rinne also followed behind him and vanished.

We were dumbfounded by the sudden end of the situation.

□Oi oi, you guys too! Don't get in the way of sensei's nap. Break up, break up!□

Headmaster clapped his hands and chased away the students.

Everyone felt dissatisfied and doubtful, but the devil king and the headmaster was saying that to them, so they could only obey.

□.....Let's go.□

Seigi ordered with a displeased voice, so Hachimake and Koshirae followed her to return to the direction from where they came from.

□Then, Rikimaru-chan is also going home!! Flor, let's gooo!□

Strength's Queen, Ishiwari Flor also lowered her fists reluctantly.

□Yuugaoze! I'll teach you next time too that I'm above you! So prepare yourself!□

Miyabi let out a tired sigh.

□Yes yes. Both of us are in the devil king war anyway. I'll take you on.□

And then, with Reina and Swordia—,

The two of them were also still glaring at each other with their swords raised.

But then, Swordia sheathed her two swords back, so Reina also lowered her katana in relieve.

Swordia unsheathed her sword again.

□Reina-!!□

The cold blade was pointed at Reina's throat.

□.....Tsu!?

Reina couldn't make any movement. The sword would pierce her throat if she moved just a little.

Swordia spoke with an emotionless voice.

□Reina, this isn't a match. Don't let your guard down just because the opponent has sheathed their sword.□

□.....Ye, s□

Reina gulped. Her trickling sweat dripped on the sword's tip.

Swordia then pulled back her sword. This time she sheathed her sword for real and turned her back toward Reina before running away.

□Reina! You alright?□

When I rushed toward her, Reina was smiling with knitted eyebrows.

□Reina, lost again.....□

□No.....I'm glad you are safe.□

I hugged Reina's shoulders to console her.

For now.....Reina, senpai, Miyabi, and me were all safe.

—Even so, it was really dangerous. The atmosphere wasn't cheerful at all after we went through that.

□Nn? Yuuto, why aren't you all going back?□

The headmaster stared questioningly at us who were remaining there.

□No, we are borrowing this place from Neith. We are staying at a nearby villa.□

□Aa! So that's why!□

The headmaster laughed brightly as though the exchange that felt like it was shortening my lifespan just now had never happened.

□This place got a great beach after all! It's perfect for vacationing incognito!□

.....That meant, headmaster too?

□Could it be, headmaster also asked Neith to take vacation here?□

□No, sensei is trespassing here!□

Eeeh!?

No, well.....he was the devil king, so doing that much should be forgivable.

That was what I thought, but when he saw Neith coming after that,

□Crap! Listen well, keep it a secret that sensei came playing here without permission okay!□

He ran away in panic.

When I thought that he was the devil king, it made felt slightly complicated.

Chapter 3 - Picking Up a Pack of Mame Shiba During the Special Training

(TN: Mame Shiba is a breed of small Shiba Inu dog)

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Part 1

Summer vacation.

In the devil world, spending holiday in human world was a status symbol. After all only a part of the nobility was able to freely go to human world. Naturally the World devil king candidate Aspite Line also had the habit of spending his summer in the human world.

But, right now he wasn't in a resort. He was at a corner of a completely plain residential area. The word "Morioka" was written on the nameplate of the house in front of his eyes.

Both of them were enemies with each other, but last time he helped out in saving the Knight of Lovers, Koiwai Reina. Now he needed that debt to be repaid. He was intending to make Yuuto told him all the information that he knew for his comeback to the devil king war.

Besides, the fighting power of his current self was shaky. He had released/cancelled the contract all his Cards. His mansion right now was also still no different than a ruin and it was in the middle of repair. It was a problem that he had no place where he could secure his safety.

He also had a palace at the academy, but although there was no problem using that place for a temporary meeting, it would be hard to stay there all the time. Besides it would make it hard for him to move from there because the other candidates would set watchers on him there. Currently he needed some kind of countermeasures until he managed to put his team in order.

—Depending on the situation, I'll be forced to temporarily put up a united front with you temporarily.

Aspite thought at the bottom of his heart.

After all he was the devil king candidate of the World. It wouldn't be a bad offer for Yuuto too to be able to have a fighting strength as great as him at his side.

His finger moved to push on the bell while thinking that, but he was greatly worried.

Besides, why should it be him who had to come to that guy's house?

Logically it should be that guy who came to him.

He was about to go back after thinking that, and later on he would call Yuuto by phone. But if he did that, then Lizel might also accompany him in that case.

He had already coming this far. And so he returned to in front of the gate again and—,

The door suddenly opened and a woman's face peeked out.

□Hm?□

□O.....□

Aspite stiffened in surprise.

□Ah! Could it be, you are Yuu-kun's friend!?□

Yuu-kun!?

That guy.....was called with that kind of embarrassing nickname at home?

□N-no, I'm not his friend but.....how should I say it, it's hard to describe our relationship.□

□Oh my! What a handsome man you are! So cool!□

□Co-.....□

W-what's with this woman? She is breaking my pace.

It seemed she was a woman, so there was no way she was that guy's Card.

Then was she a maid? No, a commoner's house shouldn't have any leeway to hire a maid.....in that case, was she that guy's big sister?

□Geez, really that Yuu-kun. So he actually also has a proper male friend. I'm glad~. Everyone he brought home was all girls. What's more all of them are extremely pretty! I was wondering if that's really all right!? In various senses!□

□I-I see.....no, that's none of my business.□

Kuh, calm down. Don't get dragged into this strange flow!

Aspite reminded himself and made a sharp expression.

□And, where is Morioka Yuuto right now?□

□Eh? Right now he is going to an overseas trip though? To Hawaii.□

□WHAAAAAAAATT!?□

H-Hawaii!? In the middle of this intense devil king war! Even though even this me is staying here!?

□Could it be, you didn't know!? I'm sorry! He is going with Lizel-chan and others. Ah, Miyabi-chan and our Reina-chan are also with him you know?□

Aspite was feeling shocked. Even he was surprised that he was this shocked.

□Even though this great me.....has taken the trouble to come here.....not only he isn't here, he is overseas.....together with those women.....□

He didn't know why he was feeling this hurt.

That was why he didn't notice that the woman had come out to the entrance until she grabbed his arm.

□Now, come in, come in.□

□Wha-, what are you doing!? Woman!□

□You have come this far. So please come inside. I'll give you ice cream to show our apology!□

□S-something like that! I don't need it!□

□Don't say that! It's fine, it's fineeee! I also want to hear about how is Yuu-kun doing in school!□

□S-stop! Don't pull!□

He should be able to shake her off if he really tried, but he couldn't for some reason.

And then Aspite's figure was sucked into the door of Morioka House.

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Part 2

Regarding the attack of Justice and Strength yesterday, when Lizel-senpai investigated, it became clear that what happened was really just a coincidence.

Neith bowed her head apologetically.

□I received a report that there are intruders and planned to return quickly but.....my return got delayed because various things took my time.....I'm sorry.□

Neith and me were along in the living room while sitting on the sofas and facing each other.

□No, Neith doesn't need to apologize. We are really thankful for Neith providing all these for us, and most of all I'm glad that Neith didn't get dragged into it.□

I desperately consoled Neith who was bowing her head dejectedly.

It seemed that Neith was in the human world at that time. When she returned in a hurry, she felt devil king candidate class mana from her private beach and asked Stella for help.

That negotiation also took time that her arrival was delayed.....it seemed that there was such particulars.

But, thanks to that mess, I became able to face Neith normally again despite the awkward atmosphere between us before.

□Err.....Yuuto-kun, say.....□

Neith's face turned red and her body was shaking, as though she was unable to say something even though she wanted to.

.....We were able to face each other normally again—it seemed that it was too fast for me to say that.

□Neith, about that matter—□

When I tried to be the one broaching the topic, Miyabi showed her face from the kitchen right at that timing.

□Yuuto! Let's go quickly! We got a new menu for your special training today!□

She pulled my arm and so I helplessly stood up from the sofa.

□Sorry Neith, let's talk again later.□

Neith waved her hand with a conflicted smile.

I let myself getting pulled by Miyabi and left the cottage toward the beach.

□And, what is this new menu?□

□Watermelon smashing! Let's go 'smaash'!□

I felt an intense doubt. Was that really a special training?

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Part 3

□T-then-, R-Reina will explain deya deshu!!□

The teacher was standing at attention and fumbled her words a lot.

□Uu.....for Reina to be a sensei, i-it's nerve wrecking desu.....desuu□

□Look, Reina. Your student is just Onii-chan, so you don't need to be that nervous.□

I crouched to put my gaze at the same level with her and caressed her head.

□Ehehe.....thank you very much. Reina's nervousness, has lessened slightly desu.□

□Waaiit! Yuuto, aren't your treatment too different compared when with me!?!□

Miyabi quickly complained. However I disregarded it.

□She is my important little sister after all. So of course it will be different.□

Miyabi pouted and said *buu buu*. On the other hand my little sis was beaming happily.

After she relaxed, this was the sequence of the special training that Reina taught me.

1. First, prepare a wooden sword.
2. Blindfold wasn't necessary.
3. The prepared watermelon would fly to attack me, so split it open with the wooden sword.

—Wait, what's this. This was different from the watermelon splitting that I knew!

Rather, the watermelon would fly!?

□Guwah!!□

I got hit by a strong attack of the flying watermelon and fell on the beach many times.

□Yuuto, work hard!□

Lizel-senpai's encouragement supported me and I stood up.

Round watermelon with green and black stripes was floating lightly around me. It was glistening, surely it would be delicious if they were chilled and eaten.

However it was as though the watermelon had will. It was toying with me using tricky movements. It would approach and then drift away, as though it was provoking me.

□Shit.....why is watermelon floating in the air.....it's brutal on top of that.□

□You are sloppy there Onii-chan! Guts! Beat them 'zuban' like that!!□

That Miyabi, she was being irritating. Dang it! Now I'm determined. But she was irritating.

Then an advise came from the little sis sensei.

□Onii-chan, it's no no if you don't get along better with the wooden sword desu.□

.....Get along?

What, should I call the wooden sword my friend?

Reina pulled out her beloved sword from empty air.

□Sword fighting between devils will become a battle together with their sword.□

□By together, well, that's because they are used as weapon.....that's not what you mean?□

□Yes. A devil's weapon is different from human's weapon. You don't train by learning how to handle and control the weapon desu. You train to draw out the weapon's ability desu.□

I stared at the wooden sword in my hand. It only looked like a wooden sword without anything that seemed out of place though.....?

□That sword is a training sword, but its name is Tenka Fubu.□(TN: Tenka Fubu=Spread military force under the heavens)

□That naming is too exaggerated for a mere wooden sword.....□

Reina unsheathed her large katana in her hand that was taller than herself.

□By the way, Reina's katana is called Pon-chan desu desu!□

□.....That's, a cute and good name.□

When I praised her like that, Reina breathed 'mufuuu' in excitement with a proud face. Cute.

□And then and then, desu. There is already power dwelling in devil race's weapon desu. Their performance is already decided, like their attack power, or their speed. What the owner has to do is how much of the weapon's original strength that they can draw out.....the training is for that desu desu.□

□Then in this case, I just need to leave the battle to Tenka Fubu while I don't really need to practice swordsmanship?□

Reina nodded.

□Desu desu. In exchange, a strong weapon will need a mana that counterbalances it desu. Also, one will need to use that weapon in battle repeatedly to deepen their friendship with that weapon desu. By doing that, it will be possible to use the ability of the weapon until the maximum desu.□ In other words, I would naturally become strong by accumulating experience from using Tenka Fubu huh.

□What will happen when I become able to draw out the ability until the limit?□

□If even stronger battle strength than that is needed, the only way is to switch to even stronger katana desu.□

I see. It was a bit like a game.

□This wooden sword.....Tenka Fubu, how strong is it?□

□It can put up a good with those watermelons desu desu.□
Tenka Fubu——!! There was a limit even in failing to live up to your name wasn't it!?

□It was for use of beginner in their training after all.....but, it's really easy to handle, so it's recommended to use that desu desu.□

□G-got it. Anyway my current partner is this guy huh?□

Reina smiled brightly and nodded.

I took a stance with Tenka Fubu and faced the watermelon.

□Give your mana to the wooden sword desu.□

I did as I was told and sent mana from my palm to the wooden sword.

□.....Oh?□

Somehow, it felt like there was something that changed from the wooden sword. It was like giving a breath of life to a dead tree and it returned to become a tree that was overflowing with life force.....

—Oi, Tenka Fubu.

I tried talking to it inside my heart.

I didn't hear anything like a reply, but it felt like there was something resounding inside my heart.

—I want to split that watermelon.

When I spoke like that to it, the watermelon quickly came to hit me.

□Tsu!□

My arm naturally moved and Tenka Fubu stopped the watermelon's charge. It wasn't by my will. No, I thought to block, but I didn't really think of how to move my arms.

It was like Tenka Fubu was moving my body, like I became one with the wooden sword—it was a mysterious sensation.

□Just like that desu desu!□

Pushed by Reina's support, I took a stance with Tenka Fubu.

—Let's go.

The watermelon flew around dizzily as though to look for an opening to attack me. I rushed toward that watermelon.

The watermelon moved in a feint before it suddenly attacked me.

□!!□

Tenka Fubu in my hands and my body synchronized.

It was a movement that made even myself astounded.

Tenka Fubu moved in a flash. The watermelon's red juice spurted out and it split into two.

□You did it, you did it desu! Onii-chan!!□

I stared at Tenka Fubu in my hand. I didn't feel it at all that I had done it.

□I see.....this is devil race's weapon, how it fight.....□

I talked to Tenka Fubu.

□I'm counting on you from now on! Partner!!□

□Ah, there is no need to use Tenka Fubu anymore desu desu.□

□Eh?□

□Onii-chan already drew out all of Tenka Fubu's power with the attack just now desu desu.□

□Wha.....what did you say—!?!□

Holy cow.....it was time to part from you already!

I had only gotten along with Tenka Fubu for a few moments, but for some reason it felt strangely sad.

□Hyyu, hyuuu! That was really cool, Yuuto!!□

□Good work Yuuto.□

Miyabi and Lizel-senpai were also clapping.

□Thank you very much.....ah, come to think of it.□

I recalled when Lizel-senpai defeated Strength's Ace.

□About senpai's bow that I saw before this, is that senpai's weapon?□

□Yes. It's the bloodline magic that has been passed down in Himekami House, Cupid.□

□It was really amazing. Senpai would be able to defeat Rikimaru easily if only I wasn't in that situation.□

□No. The Strength devil king candidate isn't that easy of an opponent.□

□Eh? But senpai said □easily□.....□

□It was a bluff.□

.....As expected from senpai. She had nerves of steel—it even felt terrifying.

It was a situation where I almost got killed, but even then she shot through Igor without hesitation with such level-headedness.

The mental strength to shot her arrow accurately in that situation where a miss wouldn't be allowed.

Her boldness to defeat Igor with a single arrow and threatened Rikimaru with it.

I felt Lizel-senpai's dreadfulness once more in this moment.

It was her side that was different from the usually kind senpai, her side as a devil who was fighting in the devil king war.

She wasn't just kind, at times she would defeat the enemy mercilessly.

There was a need to make such decision.

Without that, it would be impossible to eliminate the strongest opponents, the extraordinary monsters lined up against us—it felt like I was taught such lesson.

□Even I almost never saw it. It's pretty rare for senpai to use it y'know?□

□Is that so?□

□Yep. Himekami House had been producing devil king candidates of Lovers because they can use that. That was why everyone thought that the next devil king candidate would be senpai.□

□Indeed. Cupid was said to be the proof of being the devil king candidate of Lovers.□

□I see.....□

And I ended up snatching that? Somehow it made me felt apologetic to senpai and her family.

However.....if I was also a devil king candidate of Lovers, shouldn't I be able to use the same weapon?

□Ah! Just like how I copied Miyabi's bloodline magic, perhaps I can also transplant senpai's bloodline magic to me?□

Lizel-senpai made a troubled smile.

□It's not permitted for my family to leak this bloodline magic to anyone outside. Even if it's Yuuto, I can't possibly give it to you. Besides, you need to have affinity with it, so even if you transplant it to yourself, I think it won't work normally for you.□

□Is that so.....I'm sorry for asking something excessive like that.□

For some reason I rapidly felt embarrassed.

Lizel-senpai nestled close to me and linked her arm with mine to cheer me up.

□Don't look that disappointed. After all I'm planning to have Yuuto learn something even better than that.□

—Eh? Something, even better?

□It's, a magic that only Yuuto can use.□

So this something better, was that kind of thing?

□Senpai mean.....the special move I'm going to learn in this special training?□

But, what kind of move it was? I couldn't imagine it at all.

Lizel-senpai asked as though she had read my thought.

□Yuuto, what kind of characteristic magic do you think you need right now?□

□Even if I'm asked that.....□

□Think carefully. When you fought Rikimaru before this, what did you feel Yuuto?□

□That's.....□

My, lack of strength.

Rikimaru's Strongest's overwhelming power. In front of that power, the advanced magic that I learned in this summer was useless. No matter how long I became able to use Infinite Lovers—?

□Ah.....□

I muttered in a daze.

□.....Offensive ability.□

Lizel-senpai nodded in satisfaction.

□Yes, both Healing Lovers and Infinite Lovers are magic to split mana and produce mana with the power of love. It's not a magic for fighting enemy. Those magic are beautiful magic befitting Lovers, just like Yuuto. But, you can't win battle with just that.□

I also strongly nodded.

□That's why Yuuto, you need an attack magic that is only for you.□

Lovers' offensive characteristic magic.....

I automatically recalled Lizel-senpai's bow.

□Is senpai telling me to learn Cupid with my own strength?□

However Lizel-senpai shook her head with a troubled look.

□I also don't know. After all it's a magic that no one has ever seen yet.□

□But.....Lizel-senpai know about its existence aren't you?□

□Yes. I also heard about it from someone else.□

Eh?

□Err, that's.....who is this person?□

Lizel-senpai put her index finger in front of her lips and closed an eye.

□That's a secret♡□

I could only smiled powerlessly.

□This offensive characteristic magic will still need to wait. For now you need to increase the upper limit of your mana capacity first and the time limit of your Infinite Lovers' usage. Concentrate on that.□

□Y-yes!□

Though I said that, but I was curious.

The characteristic magic sleeping in Lovers arcana.....

What in the world it could be?

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Part 4

A few days later, the special training became closer to an actual fighting. I entered the Gaol Mountain that was towering behind the beach to defeat the monsters that appeared there.

—But,

□.....I'm lost.□

Just as Neith said, the place was dark even though it was daytime. Even though the sky should be clear, the color was also dark as though there was a filter hanging below it. Everything inside the forest was also grey. It made me felt depressed.

In addition, I didn't know the right direction at all. I was in a mountain, so I thought I would be able to return to the beach if I went down, and yet I would be climbing up a slope again when I realized.

It seemed that it was true that it was really difficult to get out of here once you entered inside. If this place was like this, then I could understand how Rikimaru and Seigi got lost.

The voice of animals howling came from far away.

I was told that there were a lot of dangerous demon beasts here, but fortunately I hadn't encountered even a single one of them. No, this was training, so wasn't it unfortunate instead that I hadn't encountered any opponent?

However, originally the plan was to attack the demon beasts with a party of four. But the mist got thick midway and when I noticed I already got separated from everyone.

What if I was unable to meet up with everyone.....what if I really encountered demon beasts while alone like this.....?

My thinking kept going to a bad place. Perhaps it was because of this depressing forest.

□.....Hm?□

I could something from the gap of the trees.

There was a straight wooden plank. It looked like a roof or something.

When I tried advancing forward through some tall grasses—,

There was a small clearing with a hut further ahead.

□Neith said that she has a mountain villa here but.....is this what she mean?□

It was almost swallowed by the grey forest behind it—that was the impression it gave. The structure on the whole was slightly tilting, and the

front door was almost falling off. There were vines twining on the wall and grasses were growing freely on the roof. It was really in ruin.
But even though its state was like that, it might be safer inside there compared to resting outside. Besides, there might be something inside, like communication method for emergency or food.
When I tried entering from the door's gap, it was really like a hut inside. At least it also had furniture inside.....?
Something fell on the ground. When I looked, it was a torn wrapping paper and the leftovers of biscuit.
What's this? Did someone come here and ate snack?
When I lifted my gaze, I saw an opened cupboard in front of me. Its inside seemed to have been ransacked.
Don't tell me.....the demon beasts had rummaged for food there?
My back felt cold with a chill. I stood up and looked around inside the room warily.
There might be something that was still inside this hut.
□Arcana, is there any danger nearby?□
□Report. There is no threat at the surrounding.□
I see—I patted my chest in relieve, it was then,
□GUOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOONNNNN!!□
The upper tier of the cupboard opened and a small body flew toward me.
□Tsu!?!□
A demon beast!?
The arcana couldn't detect it!
My mind was half in panic while I caught the thing that was leaping at me in midair.
It was something that was growling 'garuru' in agitation with fur standing on end.
There were ears pointing up from its head. Exposed fangs. Tail that was rounded into a ball.
.....A dog?
But its face and physique were human. Furthermore it was a small girl. She looked like a mame shiba dog that was personified into human.
□L-let go! Let go woof!!□
□Aa.....sorry.□
I gently put her down on the floor. Then she quickly got away from my hands and jumped on the table behind her. And then she got on all fours and growled threateningly.
□You-! Are you here to kill Poran woof!? I won't get done in that easily woof!□
□C-calm down. I won't do anything to you!□
□Lies woof! You're surely a noble woof! You won't come to a mountain like this if not for hunting woof!□
□No, I'm a human.□
□.....Woof?□

That girl moved her head up and down to look at me from the top of my head till the tip of my toes.

Then she suddenly grinned condescendingly.

□Whaat, so you're a human woof? Then there's nothing to fear woof.□

Her panicked state just now had vanished without a trace. She sat down on the edge of the table and acted as haughtily as she could. That was cute.

□You, follow Poran's order if you don't want to get eaten woof.□

The small mouth that was too small to even swallow a sausage was speaking arrogantly.

Her appearance was like a kid in the upper grade of primary school.

A devil with animal ear and tail.....was she a mixed blood devil?

She was the same like Gigara and Nekobe Myaa who picked a quarrel with me at the practice for the athletic festival. Come to think of it, it seemed that Myaa had really made her debut as idol with the charm of cat character in television. I'm digressing.

□I get it Poran. My name is Yuuto.□

Then Poran spoke toward the ceiling.

□Oooii, this guy is alright woof. Come out everyone woof.□

Everyone? Just when I wondered that, a part of the ceiling opened and even more tiny kids who looked like puppies jumped down from there. There were five, no, six of them in total.

□There are a lot of you here.....why were you in the attic like that?□

□Hiding woof. We are being hunted by noble woof.....□

□Hunted.....you say?□

I looked at the children who were looking up at me uneasily.

□By hunt, you don't mean a game, but a real hunt?□

□Of course woof. We'll be killed if we got found out woof. Our other friends, are perhaps already.....□

Poran muttered in frustration. Then the other kids became tearful.

□But, even though you are a mixed blood devil, you are still a devil right?

Why.....are you all being hunted?□

□There is a noble that bought our village while woof. That noble made us into prey for something like training for devil king war woof.□

—Don't tell me.

□Yeah. We are going hunting for a bit of warming up before participating in the devil king war for real. However, we got lost while chasing after our prey.□

The hunting that Sannou seigi said.....was referring to this?

I looked at Poran and her friends once more. Although the species was different, all of them were mixed blood devils with animal ears and tails.

They were devils who took in demon beast's blood into their body.

Although their status was lower compared to the pureblood devil, there were also some among them who obtained nobility and enrolled into the devil king academy. On the other hand, there were also devils who received this kind of horrible treatment. I didn't know that.

Then, one other small kid came down from behind the ceiling.

□I-it's horrible woof! The feudal lord is in front of this house woof!□

□!□

The kids began to make a stir with uneasy yapping.

□What's wrong?□

□Why are you acting easygoing like that woof! The feudal lord here is a devil king candidate-! The devil king candidates are brutal and cruel fellows with terrifying power woof!! If someone like that find us, we will definitely get toyed and killed.....someone like you will die just from getting seen woof!!□

□I-I see.....□

But, the feudal lord here.....was Neith right?

The door creaked while opening slightly.

□Yuuto-kun.....you're here?□

As expected, the slightly uneasy face of Neith was peeking from the gap.

□KYAIIIIIIINNNN!□

The mixed blood devil children instantly hid behind me all at once.

□W-what? What's wrong?□

Neith's eyes blinked in surprise.

□Those children.....could it be□

□It's fine. That lady is a kind person. There are good people even among the devil king candidates.□

The children didn't believe me right away. They were shivering with their hairs standing on end.

□Sorry Neith. These children, they ran away here—□

□They are Yuuto-kun's, illegitimate children.....□

□Wrong!!□

I never thought that I would be suspected with such completely unexpected misunderstanding woof.

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Part 5

□I see.....they met such horrible experience.....how pitiful.....□

Neith placed the smallest kid on her lap and caressed her head. The other children were also clinging close on Neith's body. It was like they were sharing their warmth with each other.

When Neith entered inside, everyone could only shiver with fear of death, but after that they quickly realized that Neith wasn't a scary noble.

Poran watched that with her mouth hanging open.

□I'm shocked woof.....to think that there's a noble like this.....a devil king candidate at that.□

And then she looked at me with a suspecting gaze.

□I still can't believe that Yuuto is a devil king candidate woof.....□

□Haha, I myself can't believe it.□

Even so, to think that small children like these would meet such harsh experience.....

□Hey Neith. I want to ask you something.....□

□Right. I'll bring these children to the orphanage in my territory. I think they will be safe there, and the other devil king candidates also won't be able to lay their hand on them.□

.....As expected from her.

□You are really kind Neith.□

Neith blushed slightly and looked down.

□.....Even I am only thinking about myself.□

□You are also thinking enough about other people aren't you?□

□No. I, don't want to be bullied so.....that's why, I'm trying my best to not get disliked by other people. That's my reason. I don't think that I'm really thinking about other people like Yuuto-kun.□

That was her way of thinking? If it was human, I thought that that way of thinking was human enough though.....



□But.....it's unknown who will win the devil king war. Depending on who the new devil king is, my territory might also get taken away.....if that happen, these children will also.....□

.....I see.

If Seigi became the devil king, she might not forgive Neith who snatched away her preys. In the worst case Carnac House might get crushed.....if that happened then who knew what would happen to Neith and these children.

□.....That's why, I've been troubled all this time.□

□About what?□

Neith made a powerless smile.

□I know that it's impossible for me to be the next devil king.□

□Neith, don't say—□

Neith kept smiling and shook her head.

□Because, there is Stella and Lizel. Someone like me has no chance of winning at all.....but, my family and my people are hoping for me to win. Their fate is hanging on me.....□

□Neith.....□

I realized again how carefree I had been. I understood. Everyone, Lizel-senpai, Miyabi, and even the other devil king candidates, their Cards, they all were shouldering a lot of things.

But, it only struck home after actually hearing the pained words from the person themselves.

□Hey, Yuuto-kun.□

□W-what?□

□If, Yuuto-kun become the devil king, what kind of world do you want to create?□

□I.....□

What kind of world.....

I didn't have the way to think until that far when I had just become a devil king candidate.

I was simply desperate dealing with what was in front of me.

However, I couldn't keep running away from that question forever.

That's right. I had found my answer.

Not one day in the future, but just now.

It was true that I wanted to answer the expectation of Lizel-senpai and others.

But it would be like me pushing off my responsibility to other people if that was all. I had to answer what I was going to do, what I wanted to do with my own will and words.

It was something that would affect the fate of a lot of people. I was scared to make a mistake.

However, not answering would be insincere.

If I was mistaken, I could just fix it later.

What was the honest thought of the current me about what I thought as right without any lie?

□I.....want to create a world where everyone can live in peace and have fun.□

Neith's blue eyes and the eyes of the small children were staring fixedly on me.

□I can't make the wish of everyone come true. Even so, I want to make as many hopes as possible come true. And then I want everyone to be able to feel happiness and love from their daily life. I want to make that kind of world.□

It felt like Neith's eyes were shaken.

□But you see, Neith. I said that I want to make as many hopes as possible come true, but there are also hopes that I absolutely won't listen to.□

□What's.....that, Yuuto-kun?□

□Taking away life. Taking away freedom. Taking away territory. I absolutely cannot forgive that.□

The eyes of Neith and also the children moistened.

□I see.....right. I get it.....I know what kind of world Yuuto-kun is wishing for.□

Poran looked at me with eyes that were holding back tears.

□Can you.....really do something like that?□

□You need to think that it's possible if you want to make it come true. A dream isn't something that other people give to you.□

□Human is really stupid woof.□

Poran laughed while her nose was sniffing. I returned a smile at her.

At that time—Neith's expression changed.

She put down the child on her lap and stood up. And then she looked toward the window.

□Neith? What's the—□

The window broke.

Flame flew into the hut together with the broken wooden frame and glass.

□Barricade!!□

Neith immediately deployed a defensive magic and stood in front of the children.

I burst into action and leaped outside from the broken window.

Outside there was a man with unsheathed sword that was pointing toward the hut. The magic circle that fired the magic just now was remaining at its tip.

He was slightly smaller than me with an energetic atmosphere—,

□Justice's.....Koshirae Kenji right?□

A crafty smile formed on his baby face.

□By the way my rank is Prince. Actually I have been searching all this time for the preys that got away. Sorry but can you give back our preys?□

□That's out of the question.□

I formed the magic circuit for attack magic inside my body.

□I absolutely won't hand those children to you!□
Koshirae snorted and turned his back toward me before running away.

□.....Eh?□

Silence returned inside the grey forest.

What? I thought he wanted to fight, and yet he ran away immediately?

□Yuuto-kun!□

Neith also leaped out from the hut.

□Aa, Neith. The opponent was Justice's Prince. He ran away immediately though.□

□Eh.....□

Neith stared at the direction where the Prince vanished into and her complexion changed.

□Surely, he went to report.....the next time, Seigi and her Cards will come.....□

.....I see!

If the kids' location was found out.....if it was them, they would forcefully step into Neith's territory.

□Let's chase him! Neith!!□

□Yes-!□

Neith took out a card from her pocket. That was the arcana of Chariot. It had the picture of two sphinx pulling an ancient chariot.

□Top Runner!!□

A complicated magic formula created the same chariot like what was drawn on the arcana.

It had a beautiful frame that was protected by tough armor, and thorny wheels that would scatter everything. Black and white sphinxes that were wearing mask were pulling it.

The chariot was equipped with majesty and splendor that was truly fit to be a king's vehicle. The children were staring at it with their mouth hanging open.

□Get on everyone! Yuuto-kun too!!□

It would be dangerous to bring along the children, but it would be far riskier to leave them here.

□Yosh! Let's hurry everyone!□

□Everyone, hold on tight!!□

Neith whipped the sphinxes. And then the two sphinxes let out a heavy roar before breaking into a dash.

□KYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAANN!?!□

Poran and the other children screamed from that acceleration and speed.

□A-amazing woof.....aa!? T-the front!!□

Trees were growing thickly at the front. However, Neith's chariot charged straight.

□I can't be stopped, no matter what stands in my way!!□

Neith's eyes were blazing fierily. A smile formed on her lips.

She changed when holding a rein. However it was reassuring.

The trees that were blocking the way were pulverized.

□OOOOOOOOOOOH!?

The children and even me were wide-eyed in astonishment.

The chariot advanced without any regards of the forest.

Branches snapped and trunks mowed. The chariot dashed with a fierce speed through the forest in a straight line as though it was laying a path in this trackless forest.

Neith with the rein in her hands continued to stare at a single point faraway.

Ahead from here is Sannou House's territory. It will be hard to lay our hand on him if he escape to there.....I'll absolutely catch him before he get out from my territory.....!

□Is he going this way!?

□.....Perhaps.

Suddenly the sight ahead cleared up. It seemed we had come out to a mountain trail. The width was narrow, but it was a path that was connecting to somewhere.

□He is surely passing through this road!

□Yes! The sphinxes have also found footprints! We're flying!!

The color of Neith's eyes changed. And then she whipped the sphinxes once more.

Even more acceleration. The scenery passed us by like wind.

And then the silhouette of someone running entered our sight at the path ahead.

□There!

That back, it was undoubtedly Koshirae. However he was fast. He was most likely using Stride, but his speed was dramatically faster than me.

The forest at the left and right was cut off.

There was a grassland spreading. A river was flowing ahead of it.

□Across that river is Sannou territory!!

The river was shallow and wide. Koshirae was already entering the river and continued running with water splashing behind him.

□Yuuto-kun, please!

Neith looked at me desperately.

I pointed my hand and formed a lightning type magic circle.

O lightning, run through the sky and shot down that guy!

□ThunderioExplosive Lightning Hammer!!

The lightning fell on the river and ran inside the water.

The electric arm caught up to Koshirae instantly and entwined around him.

□Guh!?

GYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA□-!!

Koshirae's legs stopped and his whole body convulsed.

□.....gah

White smoke rose from his whole body and he swayed unsteadily.

And then he fell into the river with a splash. Something like black liquid welled up from inside the river and dragged that body down.

Neith pulled on the rein to change the direction of the sphinxes to spin around. The chariot ran parallel right beside the river and stopped.

□We made it in time somehow.□

The chariot stopped in front of the river.

□Yep. Thank you.....Yuuto-kun.□

□I should be the one thanking you, Neith.□

Then Neith's imposing atmosphere vanished without a trace, and she looked down while her fingers fidgeted with each other.

Poran stared fixedly at me.

□You are.....really a devil king candidate woof.....□

□Yeah, more or less.□

□Frustrating, woof.....□

□Frustrating, what about?□

Poran bit her lips.

□.....Even human can become this strong.....and yet, Poran is.....□

I see.....she was concerned that she couldn't protect her comrades with her own strength.

□You are still little. When you grow big, you might become strong you know?□

However Poran's shoulders dropped in dejection.

□That's no good woof. Mixed blood devil can't produce a strength that surpass the monster they were fused with.....to become strong, I'll need to take in the blood of even more monster.....woof.□

Neith made a worried face.

□That's, dangerous okay? I think it'll be better if you don't do that.□

□I know woof. Poran also had friends who became a sacrifice from that woof.□

□Sacrifice.....?□

□When Poran was younger than now, a noble came to the village and gathered volunteers, asking them if they want to become stronger by assimilating other monster woof. Several of my friends were taken away by that noble woof.□

□Isn't that.....experiment—□

Neith gasped and covered her mouth.

However Poran didn't seem to notice. She continued with her story.

□Among them, there was also Onii-chan that Poran loved woof. He wasn't my actual brother but, he was strong and kind. All the children in the village liked him woof.□

Poran's tail naturally swayed left and right.

□He would help if someone get bullied, he would treat anyone who get wounded, he would share his food if someone was hungry.....he really helped everyone. Poran looked up to him woof.□

□And.....what happened, to him?□

□.....Poran heard he died woof.□

□.....I see.□

Neith also looked down sorrowfully.

□Say, Poran.....I think everyone each have their own role.□

□?□

□Leave the fighting to Neith and me. You take care of your small friends.□

□But.....□

□Even that is an important battle.□

Poran didn't look like she was convinced, but she looked at her small friends and nodded reluctantly.

Then,

A voice that I had wanted to hear all this time called to me.

□Yuuto! You are at this kind of place.□

The silhouette that came out from inside the forest waved her hand.

□Lizel-senpai! Miyabi and Reina too!□

Miyabi and Reina also showed up after Lizel-senpai and they ran this way.

□Geez, we were looking for you aaall over, wait, why is Neith here?□

□There are also a lot of small mixed blood devils.....how cute desu desu ♡□

I talked to senpai about everything that happened, after that all of us crossed the mountain together and returned to the beach.

Neith had a special compass and she showed us the way. It seemed that compass could show the right way.

□Entering the mountain without this, is a suicide.□

Neith scolded Lizel-senpai with a faltering voice.

□Y-you're right, I'm sorry.□

Senpai apologized honestly. It was really a rare sight seeing senpai getting scolded.

The children would be put in the cottage until the preparation to move them to the orphanage was finished.

Seigi and her Cards also shouldn't know that we were sheltering the kids here.

They had come here just the other day, so it was hard to think that they would come here one more time to investigate. Furthermore the headmaster was also present last time to arbitrate.

There was no more problem with this.

—But, with the children here.....it became problematic for us to do our special training. In various senses.

When I considered what to do, Lizel-senpai looked like she got an idea and spoke.

□Let's change the location of the training camp.□

□Eh!?□

Miyabi, Reina, and me looked at each other's face.

□Err.....where are we going next?□

Lizel-senpai folded her arms and smiled with a spirited expression.

□That's a secret.□

□.....Of course it is.□

Where were we going to get taken this time? Expectation and anxiety whirled inside our heart.

Chapter 4 - The Sisters' Bond

Part 1

—At a shopping district of the human world.

Neon lamps were shining brightly. A lot of humans came here like insects being attracted by the lights. A woman was walking amidst that crowd. She had a beautiful blond hair and healthy skin that was slightly tanned. Her style looked exactly like someone at poolside or at a resort. Her attire was really fitting for the summer, but it was too provocative for walking in a shopping district in the middle of city.

□Ooh, you got a really nice style! And you're cute!□

Some frivolous men would call at her each time she walked for fifty meters. However she had a business. She ignored them all and continued walking. However the brown haired man who called at her next was persistent.

□Oi oi, don't just ignore me like that.□

His irritated voice was slightly mixed with a threatening tone. He walked around to stand in front of the woman and blocked her way.

The woman smirked.

□Oh, you will get burn if you get too close you know?□

□Hahah! What's that? That's really a clichéd line.....!?□

The man's body caught fire in the next moment.

□GYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!
?□

He desperately took off his burning clothes and rolled around on the ground. His dyed brown hair also caught fire and he tried to extinguish it with his hands scratching at his head. However the fire didn't vanish and scorched his hands.

□S-someone-! SAVE MEEEEEEEEEE!□

He ran around haphazardly. The people around him screamed and ran around in panic. The blond woman jauntily through the street that was turned into such pandemonium and turned the corner.

And then her figure vanished in a corner of a construction site.

It was an empty lot that was opened wide right in the middle of the shopping district. The small shop that was previously here was flattened to be redeveloped. This place was the only dark spot like the sea depth in the middle of the sea of dazzling neon.

The woman entered inside and spoke.

□Sorry that I'm lateee. You won't believe just how annoying those men were~, geez~♪□

The red haired man who was waiting in the darkness smiled thinly.

□Yaa, Sansa. Everyone is here with this.□

Joudogahama Lost looked around inside the darkness.

Five devil king candidates had gathered around Lost.

Sun, Sansa Summers.

Strength, Sannou Rikimaru.

Justice, Sannou Seigi.

Hanged Man, Hayachine Yotaka.

Wheel of Fortune, Shimokadzuma Rinne.

Lost nodded in satisfaction.

□Now then, we are the strongest group in this devil king war with this much combat strength at our side. I'm thinking to eliminate the nuisances with these members for the time being. The real battle will begin after we deal with all of the other devil king candidates. Any objection?□

□Yeees, no objection heree♪□

It was only Sansa who replied. However it seemed the other devil king candidates also weren't opposing it. It was a silence with the meaning that there was no objection.

But, there was just one person who differed. Sannou Seigi was making a sharp gaze.

□So you are telling me to wait for my confrontation with you until that is over?□

□Yep. It's not like I'm going to run away. But, before that it will be better to defeat other candidates isn't it? Like Triumph for example.□

Everyone couldn't deny that. But, Seigi didn't back down even then.

□There is one more thing that I want to ask. How are we going to deal with the Lovers?□

□Lovers.....?□

Rikimaru suddenly raised her voice wildly.

□Aaaah! Even though I had almost gotten him beforeee! Rikimar-chan of all people-, failed to finish him off!!□

Sansa made a slightly surprised face.

□Eh? Is the Lovers so strong that he can even trouble Rikimaru?□

Hayachine Yotaka immediately cut in.

□It's not the problem of the devil king candidate. In reality Lovers is Himekami Lizel's team. Lizel is their cornerstone, it's against her that we should be on our guard the most.....□

□Weeell, certainly, even Rikimaru-chan got startled by her arrow.□

Seigi made a loathing expression at Rikimaru's easygoing tone.

□Good grief, you disgrace of Sannou House.□

□What did you sayyyy!? Even if it's you Seigi-chan I'm not going to forgive you for that!!□

Rikimaru took her fighting pose. Seigi also put her hand on her sword's handle in response.

□So what? I'm already over my limit since a long time ago. I'll sever that neck of yours right now.□

Yotaka sighed in exasperation.

□Geez.....again? You two just won't get tired doing that.□

□Yeah. You two are sisters, so get along a bit more with each other.□

□You outsiders should just shut up. It's exactly because we are sisters that there are things that I find unforgivable and things that are excessively irritating from her.□

However it seemed the arbitration from the other candidates was quite effective. Seigi took off her hand from her sword's handle.

And then Seigi let out a sigh to calm down herself before she turned only her gaze toward Lost.

□Anyway—because of that, how about we crush the Lovers first?□

Yotaka lightly raised her hand as though she had waited for that.

□That's fine, but I'll be the one who finish off Lizel. I don't care about anything else.□

□Rikimaru-chan's Card also seems to be all luv luv toward Lovers' Princess! I'll take her head!□

□The rookie in my place also seems to have a not shallow relationship with Lovers' Knight. So how about it? Should we warm up by giving hell to Lovers?□

□.....□

Lost looked up to the sky smilingly.

□Hmm.....yeah, it's fine I guess.□

Someone was staring at such Lost with a smiling face. It was the Wheels of Fortune, Shimokadzuma Rinne. However her smile was hiding an anxiety that anyone couldn't notice.

Seigi smiled in satisfaction and looked around at everyone.

□Yosh, it's decided then! They are hiding in the devil world at Carnac House's territory. I shall contact everyone where we will gather there later on.□

Seigi left that place first. She crossed the construction site and went outside from the door.

□This can't be left alone to Seigi-chan! Yoosh! Rikimaru-chan is also going to prepare a lot!!□

Rikimaru yelled that before she ran out of the door that Seigi left from. A car was parked there.

Rikimaru entered into the backseat as though it was only natural.

The car started running and it sped up when it got out to the main street.

□And and? What's going on?□

□Joudogahama Lost, that guy cannot be trusted.□

Seigi who was sitting at her side replied with her arms folded.

□That guy isn't a noble. However just like there is the precedent with Lovers, even a human can enroll into the devil king academy. There is no

doubt that he isn't enrolling into the devil king academy simply because of dislike, but because there is a reason why he can't do so.

And, you have understood about that reason too right?

Rikimaru spoke with a stupid expression as though she had seen through Seigi.

Seigi made a slightly surprised face before she pressed her lips together in a frown.

I hate that side of yours.....Nee-sama.

Ehehe, Rikimaru-chan love that side of yours, Seigi-chan!

Seigi's cheeks reddened and she huffed.

A-anyway, this is an information that is still not know by anybody. So I want Nee-sama to also be really careful so that it won't slip out from your mouth.

Rikimaru strongly nodded *uh huh* in agreement.

The Death devil king candidate, isn't in this world anymore.

.....?

The house of Count Golgotha was the house that had inherited the Death arcana until now. They are an eccentric family that live in remote region without any interaction with other houses but.....it's like the whole family has vanished altogether.

Vanished?

I still haven't found any proof but, they must have been killed in all likelihood.

Then.....you're saying that the devil king candidate is already killed?

Seigi didn't answer that question and continued.

Most likely the one who became the Death devil king candidate was the heir of Golgotha house, Moros Golgotha. But Moros never come to the academy anymore since the new school term.

.....Something is suspicious.

Yeah. However if he has really died, his Death arcana should leave him and return to the devil world's administration bureau. Naturally the bureau and the headmaster would notice that. But, there isn't any sign of that. In other words the Death devil king candidate is alive.

The stupid smile vanished from Rikimaru's face and a wrinkle formed between her forehead.

Is Lost's true identity.....Moros?

I tried searching the academy's documents, but he is clearly not Moros. The headmaster appeared in the devil world's beach the other day right? Most likely the headmaster also came to check who is the Death devil king candidate.

And, what is his true identity in the end?

I don't know. Lost isn't Moros. However the administration bureau of the devil king war hasn't disqualified Death, and the Arcana also hasn't returned. So the only possibility is that the Death devil king candidate is

alive. Besides, the headmaster didn't make any problem with Lost last time, that means Lost has an official qualification as devil king candidate.□

□.....I'm lost.□

□If he is a complete outsider, then why does he have Death arcana? Why he has the qualification as devil king candidate? It's completely incomprehensible. That's why that guy cannot be trusted.□

Rikimaru stared absentmindedly to the flowing night scenery outside the window.

□Rikimaru-chan doesn't trust anyone from the start.□

Seigi was also staring at the night scenery at the opposite side of Rikimaru.

□Except Seigi-chan that is.□

□.....Nee-sama.□

Seigi reflexively turned toward Rikimaru. There a grin was waiting for her.

□I can see Seigi-chan's happy face after so long.□

Seigi's face blushed bright red in the blink of eye.

□Kuh.....this is why I hate Nee-sama!□

She averted her face prickly.

□It's fine isn't it, we are alone here.□

□It's because Nee-sama always act intimately with me even when in front of other people.....thanks to that I'm always pressed with the need to act severely even more than necessary. I'm worried whether everyone has actually noticed.□

□Ahahaha, Seigi-chan always make me want to dote on you unconsciously!□

Seigi leaned forward with a serious face.

□Listen Nee-sama. We are making others think that we are on bad terms with each other. Even our Cards are included. We need to deceive everyone outside of our family. That will become our trump card at the critical moment.....wait, are you listening? Nee-sama!□

Rikimaru was staring joyfully at her little sister who was seriously giving her a lecture.

□Then, what are we going to do? Are we going with our original plan of dealing with Lost with everyone else after defeating Triumph?□

□.....Let's deal with the Lovers, Morioka Yuuto before that.□

□Eeeeh, why?□

□Because he is the only one who Joudougahama Lost is fixated with. There is no doubt that guy know something. What is the relationship between Morioka Yuuto and Lost.....and then who is Lost.....we're going to beat him half to death and make him spit out Lost's secret.□

□I see! I get it!□

Rikimaru grinned.

□Both of us will absolutely be the last two standing. And then no matter who wins, a member of Sannou House will be the next devil king! We will rule the world! Having someone who can be trusted among other devil king candidates. It's the strongest weapon that no other candidates have!!□

□Yeah. I swear.....I swear to make Nee-sama win.□

Rikimaru frowned and peered at Seigi's face.

□See here, Seigi-chan. I'm fine with having a serious fight between us at the end you know?□



However Seigi shook her head.

□Our objective is for Sannou House to rule the devil king. Then it will be better for Nee-sama to stand at the top for that. I'm more suited with acting as Nee-sama's support.□

□A splendid devil should prioritize themselves the foremost you know?□

□We are twins. We are one and the same. Nee-sama's victory is my victory.□
Rikimaru chuckled ticklishly.

□Ahaha, that's true.□

□Besides, I'm not suited to shoulder an excessively heavy responsibility like that. I'll be able to display my capability without being weighed down by such responsibility.□

□But, I'm going to trouble Seigi-chan a lot you know?□

□Nee-sama can use me as you please. I'm always following justice since the past. For me, Nee-sama is justice.□

Rikimaru narrowed her eyes and smiled.

□I see. After all strength.....is justice huh!□

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Part 2

We entered the early August. The summer vacation had also reached halfway.

Right after the declaration of changing the training camp location—,

□However, let's return to the human world for a bit and rest.□

Lizel-senpai informed us like that.

□But, is it alright? There is no time to waste by relaxing.....□

□You have worked hard for two weeks. Rest is also necessary in order to overcome the second half of the training. There is also a resort here, but you will be able to relax more in your own home right? Besides, Okaa-sama and Otou-sama must also feel worried for you Yuuto.□

To be honest, it felt really pleasant for me during the training camp, so my stress wasn't accumulating that much.....however, seeing Reina's eyes brightening when hearing about Kaa-san and Tou-san, I couldn't just ignore it as her big brother. Perhaps she was feeling homesick.

Neith timidly raised her hand.

□Um, but everyone want to spend holiday in secret right? Then staying here will be.....□

□That's exactly why. Our location here is already found out. That's why we will reset the situation for the moment. We also can't trouble Neith any more than this.□

Lizel-senpai smiled to reassure Neith, but for some reason Neith looked disappointed.

And so, we returned home for the moment.

□Myyy! Myyyy! Welcome home!! Reina-chan!□

□We're back, we're back desu! Mama-!□

And then they hugged passionately at the front door. It was a warming scene.

□Yuu-kun too, you've worked hard! You must be tired. Anyway, come inside first! There is also cold watermelon right now!□

□Yeah, I missed a watermelon that won't fly and slam at you.□

□Heh?□

Kaa-san tilted her head in puzzlement. I smiled wryly at her and climbed the stair to my room.

I thought I wasn't tired, but fatigue suddenly assaulted me now that I was back home like this. As I thought I was really tense, I just didn't notice it. The fatigue had been accumulating steadily inside me.

I felt strangely astonished that I could let loose like this after returning home.

After that, Tou-san insistently grilled me with questions like "There was really nothing that happened right!? You didn't do anything coarse to the daughters of Himekami-sama and Yuugaoze-sama right!?"

Of course, I answered that we only had pure relationship as senior and junior, and as fellow classmates. The circumstances may justify a lie.

This too was because of my consideration for Tou-san's mental state.

Forgive me.

I entered the bath of my own home after so long, and then ate Kaa-san's homemade dinner.

As I thought, this felt really nice. I keenly realized that.

"Ah, Yuu-kun. Come to think of it, a friend of yours came to play while you were gone."

"Friend?"

"Yes. Aspite-kun."

A!? Aspite.....kun!?

"A-and?"

"I asked him to come inside and heard a lot from him! I'm relieved that Yuu-kun has a male friend! But, he is a really shy kid isn't he?"

.....Shy.

"And, what did Aspite come here for?"

"He ate ice cream and went home after that."

Ice cream!?

Was it really the Aspite who I knew? Don't tell me he also had twin brother like Rikimaru and Seigi?

Kaa-san's evaluation of him *he is curt but he is a shy and good kid!* was giving even more credence to my twin brother theory.

What in the world did that guy come here for?

Well, I was going to take a break at home for one week. Let's try calling him later.

And then I'd continue with the second half of the training camp after this break. Where were we going to next? I felt anxious but also anticipating it.

At night, when I laid down on my own bed after so long, I fell asleep instantly.

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Part 3

I spent my time slovenly at home for a while after returning home. However today—Sunday, there was a summer festival at the nearby shrine. And then a firework event would be held at night inside the city. This was a yearly custom, so I wanted to go watch it together with Reina. However, I also considered the possibility of other devil king candidate's attack.

When I consulted senpai—,

□Hee.....so this is the local festival at Yuuto's place.□

We decided to visit the festival and then the firework show right after that with all the Lovers' members.

Lizel-senpai was curiously watching the stands that were lined up along the shrine's path.

She was wearing a blue yukata with wisteria pattern. It really suited the mature Lizel-senpai and gave off a graceful sexy feeling. The yukata also looked really expensive.

□This is also my first time. This 'sparkle sparkle' and 'wai wai' atmosphere are really fun! I can also wear yukata, so niceee ♡□

Miyabi said that while wearing a showy yukata with pink and purple hydrangeas drawn on it.

□This is Reina's first time wearing a yukata.....it's really joyous desu desu.□

The one who said that was of course my little sister Reina.

Actually yesterday when I said to Kaa-san that we would go to the summer festival—,

□Fuh, fuh, fu.....I thought that this might also happen!□

Her hands energetically spread out the adorable yukata with white base color and the pattern of morning glory.

Reina was wearing it right now.

My little sis was greatly excited from wearing a yukata for the first time.

□It feels like Reina is becoming a main character of a period drama, my heart is pounding desu! It's like Reina has become Mifune Toshiro or Chiba Shinichi! It feels like becoming a master swordsman desu desu!□

.....I didn't get what my little sister was fixated with. I could only pray that she wasn't wearing a loincloth as underwear.

By the way I was also wearing a deep blue yukata with vertical striped pattern.

I thought that it would be bad if the other devil king candidates attacked while I was dressed like this, but—,

□Originally, it's forbidden to involve unrelated people in devil king war.□

It wasn't an absolute rule, but rarely anyone tried anything in the middle of a packed crowd like this.

And so even though he was still on his guard, he could fully enjoy the summer festival and firework event.

□Anyway, let's have fun. Ah, I wonder what is that?□

Senpai was uncharacteristically in high spirit. She was pointing at a target practice stand.

Her expression looked appropriate for her age of seventeen.

Usually she was always showing concern for us and looked after us a lot.

She was the real leader of Lovers and the adviser. In addition she was also our main force.

I was really in her debt.

But.....how was she able to do something like that?

When I had just met senpai, she said that she hated a world where everything was decided by the will of just a single devil. That was why she wanted me to be a devil king who ruled with love.

But, was that all?

The candidacy that originally should belong to her was taken away by a human of all people. And yet how could she labor so devotedly like this despite that?

□I did it Yuuto! I obtained this kind of prize!□

Senpai said that and showed me the bag that was filled with the present from the shooting stand. The gap of her smile right now with her usual smile made her look childish.

Suddenly the scene that I saw when I lost consciousness in the devil world came back.

The outrageously beautiful girl, Sein.

Who was she?

And then I also—a child Lizel-senpai who I should have never seen before.

Why did I see that kind of dream?

□Yuuto?□

□Ah! A-as expected from senpai! How should I say it, it's like senpai is a shooter of magic bullets!□

□.....What's wrong?□

□No.....nothing.□

It wasn't really nothing, but I didn't know who I should describe this hazy feeling myself.

□No, it's really nothing big but.....senpai, before this—□

It was at that timing something jumped on my back.

□.....What!?!□

□Yuuto-! It's Yuuto wooffffff!!□

There was that barking voice along with the sensation of something grazing my neck while the person's head was rubbing on my back.....this is!

□Poran!? Why are you here!?!□

I couldn't see the person clearly because she was clinging on my back, but it seemed she was wearing a proper dress instead of the ragged clothes from before.

□Neith-sama brought me here woof!□

□G-good evening.....□

Neith hesitantly stepped forward. She wasn't wearing a yukata but her usual uniform.

□Um, I went to your house, but I heard that everyone is going to the festival.....□

□So we missed each other huh, my bad.....□

Neith waved her hands to left and right in panic.

□No! Sorry that I suddenly came without even calling beforehand! Poran said that she want to meet you so.....□

□I see. But, why are you in the human world?□

I asked Neith while still carrying Poran on my back.

□Yes.....staying alone at the other side, is a little bit.....b-besides, I also want to show all the children this world at least once.....but, it'll be difficult to bring everyone all at once, so it's only Poran this time.□

□The human world is also more amazing than I thought woof! They're quite something even though they're just human woof!□

Poran piggybacked on my back like it was only natural while being in really high spirit.

Certainly she would be able to understand what kind of creature human was by seeing it with her own eyes and experiencing it fully with her own skin like this.

□Then, how about Neith also come with us to look around the festival?□

□I-is that alright?□

□Of course. You too Poran, get down already from there.□

□But, Yuuto's back feels comfortable woof.□

Poran was reluctant, but Neith tore her off from me without allowing any argument. She told her firmly□Keep the spoiled act in moderation□. It seemed that she was properly acting as her guardian.

After that I looked around the stands with everyone. Some people noticed Poran's tail and ears and it was really hard to gloss it over. She also tried to scoop goldfish using her hands. There were such troubles, but it was really fun. Miyabi and Reina were enjoying festival foods like cotton candy or candy-coated fruit. Though the way she ate chocolate banana was a bit..... you know.

□Ah! Yuuto, is that Bon Festival dance?□

A yagura (high wooden stage) was set up at the open space slightly ahead from here. People were forming a circle around it and danced.

□Is this Miyabi's first time seeing that?□

□Yep, let's dance, dance!□

□R-Reina too, Reina want to try desu desu!□

□Then, let's try dancing. It has been a long time for me too.□

Bon Festival dance. The last time I did it was at elementary school. It was a bit embarrassing but.....well, it was fine I guess if everyone was with me. It felt like this would also become a good memory of summer vacation.

And so, Miyabi, Reina, Poran, Neith, me, and Lizel-senpai lined up in that order to dance the Bon Festival dance after a super long time. I had forgotten the way to dance, and naturally everyone also didn't know how.

We watched the dance of the other aunties and uncles and imitated them.

However, it wasn't a difficult dance, so everyone became able to dance very well right away.

And then, we naturally gathered attention without even trying because of the beautiful girls at my back and front.

□The ladies who joined the dance at the last moment! Please come on to the stage!□

The festival's executive committee member who was standing under a tent was stirring up the situation like that using a mike.

The yagura's surrounding had a platform that was higher than the rest. A circle of the dance could also be formed there.

□Yoosh! Let's heat up this festival even more with our dancee! Let's go, everyone!□

Miyabi pulled Reina's hand and then Poran followed behind them with a skip in her steps. And then Neith also followed tottering in embarrassment.

When I was about to follow them too,

□Yuuto, can you come with me for a bit?□

Lizel-senpai softly pulled my sleeve and left from the dance circle.

□What's the matter senpai?□

However senpai kept quiet while pulling my hand.

We turned the corner and entered a small path without any lighting. There were tall thickets at both sides of the path and the place was dark. However the shrine path that was passed by a lot of people was just a stone throw away. It sounded like there were lively voices passing by right nearby.

Senpai brought us to be hidden from view behind the trunk of a thick tree and looked up at me. Her eyes looked like they were lit with an indecent glint.

□Yuuto, let's do Healing Lovers here.□

□Eh!?□

Lizel-senpai raised her index finger and put it on her lips.

□Shh, it'll be bad if we are found out.□

□Then, why in this kind of place.....□

□I have researched a lot after returning back here. I watched various things that are aimed for male to research what kind of things can stimulate man to excite them.□

No.....I was already excited just from hearing that Lizel-senpai was watching that kind of things alone.

□First is the yukata. It seems that this kind of outfit that is different from usual is good. Apparently swimsuit is also popular, but I have worn that all the time at the beach.□

□Certainly, senpai's figure in yukata is wonderful.....□

□Fufu, thank you. Putting that aside—□

Senpai brushed aside the hair that was hanging on her shoulder and I caught a glimpse of her white nape. The slender neck and white skin that peeked out from between the black hair and yukata were indescribably captivating.

□It seems that the fear from the possibility of getting find out by other people will make the heart pound from tension and fear and excite man even more. There is also the feeling of embarrassment.□

The perverted feel was lessening when it was explained logically like that. It was like looking at someone investigating something for a scholarly pursuit. Senpai wasn't doing an embarrassing thing, but something noble instead.....though that was just my imagination.

Even so, I keenly thought that Lizel-senpai was really serious even for perverted thing like this.

□I understand. And.....err, what should I do?□

□T-that's.....□

Senpai's mouth opened, but then as expected she realized it was embarrassing and averted her gaze. She put her hand over her mouth and whispered resolutely.

□You can, do as you like Yuuto.....□

Uu.....certainly, this wasn't something to ask from a woman. No, perhaps this was actually good to instigate the embarrassment like this?

Anyway, I had to answer senpai's expectation. As a junior.

Also.....I want to become a man who could answer a woman's expectation.

Senpai and I stared at each other. Lizel-senpai's cheeks was already reddening faintly. Her upward gaze was searching for something. Her lips were slightly opened with desire. I suddenly desired her soft looking lips. I didn't know what senpai wanted from me. But I couldn't just do nothing. Then, I'd do what I wanted to do, first was—.

I glanced briefly at the lively shrine path at the other side of the tree trunk, and then I brought my face closer to senpai.

My lips approached.

Senpai's face looked pretty than usual when I looked from this close. Her skin that seemed to be transparent. Her nicely shaped eyebrows. Her eyes that were decorated with long eyelashes, her blue pupils that were like gem.

As our distance shrank, senpai's eyelids were also narrowing and then her eyes closed in the end.

And then I kissed with senpai.

Our lips only touched when sealing the contract, but this time—, I tried thrusting in my tongue resolutely. Then senpai obediently accepted me. In addition her tongue also proactively entwined around mine.

Our tongues fiercely dueled with each other, as though they had been waiting for this, as though they couldn't wait any longer.

I didn't know how long we were doing that.

It felt like it would continue for eternity.

I want to do this forever. But, there were still other things that I wanted to do.

Our lips separated and senpai's eyelids opened. It was glistening more than before we kissed. Her eyes were shining.

□Yuuto.....□

Senpai's hands touched my chest. I also wanted to touch senpai's body more. I put my hands around her back.

It was then, I heard footsteps turning the corner from the shrine path and heading here.

□—tsu□

Senpai faced down and buried her head on my chest to hide her face. I tightly hugged her in order to protect her from other people's gaze.

The footsteps were passing by beside us. I felt a gaze on us, but I couldn't turn my head at all. I patiently waited until the footsteps were getting farther.

□.....My heart, was really pounding.□

Senpai softly whispered after we couldn't hear the footsteps anymore.

□Yes. Somehow the nervousness was.....immense.□

□But, it's a bit fun, like we are doing something bad.□

Senpai said that and showed a small smile.

□Then, let's do something even worse.□

□Fufu, I agree.□

Senpai loosened her collar nonchalantly. My hands followed the invitation and touched senpai's voluptuous breast.

□Aa.....♥□

A sweet sigh leaked out from senpai's lips just from that.

Yutaka's fabric was thin, so I could even feel the texture of the bra underneath. I could also feel the bra's shape with my hand. When I put some strength into my hand, my palm felt an elasticity that couldn't be felt from anything else.

□Nh.....a.....aah□

Senpai's moan was gradually getting bigger.

□Senpai, someone else will hear.□

□.....tsu□

Senpai hurriedly bit her lip and covered her mouth with her hand.

I grasped senpai's butt with both hands and strongly pulled her closer.

□As I thought, it's because of this situation?□

□Yes.....besides, I was unable to meet Yuuto all this time, since we returned here.....□

Senpai's slender fingers touched between my legs.

□Senpai.....uh□

Senpai's counterattack finally began. She lovingly caressed around.

□I had you embraced me frequently for Healing Lovers during the training camp correct? Perhaps that's why.....right now, my body will feel painful already just from being apart for a bit.....□

That confession had a destructive power that was more tremendous than any characteristic magic.

My throat made a gulping sound.

To think that such words came out from the usually elegant and reserved senpai.....there was no way I wouldn't get excited.

Senpai's face that was staring at me was changing from the face of an elegant noble daughter to an indecent expression that was melting in pleasure.

□It was you Yuuto who turned my body like this. Take, responsibility.....okay♥□

I couldn't hold back anymore after being told such thing.

Things like where we were right now, or what if other people saw us didn't matter anymore to me.

I wanted to throw my reason to the wind and entered a world where there were only senpai and me.

I rolled up the bottom of senpai's yukata and exposed her butts, then I began massaging them directly on her skin.

□Nnau! Aa.....h-how can.....it feels.....so good□

I caressed senpai's body all over. The desire to violated her whole skin was driving me. I opened the front of her yukata and my hand crawled on her white and soft thigh, and then the small black underwear above it.

Another footsteps approached at that timing.

I tried to get away from senpai immediately. However senpai's yukata was loose on the collar and the bottom was also opened that her underwear became exposed. Her slovenly appearance was lascivious. I couldn't this appearance of senpai to other people.

I hugged senpai once more to hide her figure.

A pair of women passed beside us. I could hear whispers □That, look□□Hey, could it be.....□□No way, at this kind of place□ from them.

I couldn't see senpai's face, but I could clearly see how her ear was turning bright red.

I turned around when the footsteps vanished.

I confirmed that there was nobody around and slightly let go of senpai's body in my arms.

□.....We were completely exposed.□

□Yes. But, strangely.....my feeling surged up.□

It was the same with me.

□It was embarrassing but, I think, somewhere inside, I want to show off that I'm doing something like this with Yuuto.....□

She said something delightful like that again.

□Perhaps, those women just now are peeking at us right now.□

Senpai's spine shivered when I whispered that into her ear.

□Yes.....this is for increasing Yuuto's mana capacity's limit. It can't be helped.□

That already sounded like nothing but excuse.

An obscene light dwelled in senpai's eyes. It was as though she wasn't just a devil, she had also transformed into a succubus.

□Mana capacity's upper limit has increased to 90000.□

Arcana told me of the increase in my mana capacity at that timing.

□Senpai, it's just a bit more until the 100000 mark.□

□Yes, let's do our best.....if it's Yuuto, I don't mind whatever you do to me.

Let's go as far as—□

□You two are in this kind of place woof?□

Poran was beside our feet.

□UOWAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!?!□

□—Kyah!□

I let go of senpai in panic and stood in front of Poran to hide her. Senpai turned around to fix the front of her yukata.

□P-Poran! Why are you here!?!□

□Don't ask me that woof. Everyone is looking for you two because you two vanished even though the firework event is going to start after this woof.□

□I-I see.....my bad.□

When I glanced behind me, senpai nodded with an awkward face.

□Yosh, then let's return to where everyone is. Poran, show us the way.□

□Leave it to me woof! Poran can smell everyone's scent even if we get separated woof!□

We followed behind Poran toward the shrine path.

Senpai nonchalantly held my hand while walking.

□Senpai?□

□Just.....for a bit.□

It made me wanted to return to behind that tree again if she spoke cutely like that.

I held senpai's hand back.

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Part 4

After that we moved to a dry riverbed with few people around to watch the fireworks.

Even so, the venue of the firework event wasn't at the riverbed but at a race track some distance away from here.

It would be more impactful to watch from nearby, but a great number of people did that last year. It was impossible to approach there without much resolve.

And so we elected to watch from the riverbed that was near my home.

It seemed there were also some people who had the same plan. People were gathering on a nearby bridge to watch the fireworks.

Perhaps it would be easier to watch from on the bridge, but we also had Poran with us so a place with fewer people was better.

She was really standing out in the festival.....well, most people only thought that she was cosplaying.

□Woof! WOooooOOOOFF!□

Besides it seemed that Poran was also pleased with the riverbed. She was running around on the lawn. It must be fun for her to be able to run around as she pleased.

The way she ran on the grass with her ears and tail stood up like that.

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I wonder why.

This feeling of déjà vu.

It felt like, I had seen it before.

Where?

Here.

The figure of Poran running around.

That was impossible.

But, I could gradually see more clearly.

Was this a false memory? Was it déjà vu?

Surely that was the case, no doubt about it.

Because it was impossible.

How could I run around together with her under the blue sky.

And then, there was the figure of one more person that was connected with the string of memory.

A girl with mature beauty even though she was only as tall as a kindergartener.

□It'll be the time soon.□

That girl talked to me.

Her figure had turned into an adult before I realized it.

□Lizel-senpai.□

□What?□

□Had I, ever met senpai here in the past?□

Lizel-senpai's expression froze.

□.....Yuuto? You—□

DOON A loud sound reverberated at that time.

A large flower bloomed at the night sky.

A bright light was spreading in red and blue color. The glittering light was raining down.

□Yuuto.....I.....□

The firework illuminated the sky once more.

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The nearby bridge became a black silhouette that rose to the surface.

The figures of many people that should be there were gone.

In exchange, there was a figure standing on the railing.

But, that black silhouette was clearly not a spectator.

□I already send the nuisances to go away! Now is the showtime of Rikimaru-chan!□

□The Strength, Sannou Rikimaru!?□

□Now Lovers, Morioka Yuuto!! I'll have you accompany Rikimaru-chan!

Though I'll break two or three of your limbs first before that!□

Lizel-senpai immediately reacted.

□Enemy attack!! Take care of Poran, Neith!□

□Got it!□

Neith broke into a fierce dash and lifted up Poran who was paralyzed with fear. And then without stopping she moved to escape. However—,

□Wait a second. That kid is the prey that got away from me before this isn't it?□

A tall and lean man—the Ace of Justice, Hachimaki Tougou stood on the way.

Appearing behind him was the girl who looked really similar with Rikimaru.

□To find her in this kind of place.....so you are the one sheltering her Chariot, Neith Carnac.□

□Justice, Sannou Seigi.....□

Neith hugged Poran and glared back at her. Seigi sent a piercing glare at Neith.

□Was it also you who killed Koshirae?□

□.....What, if I am?□

□That is an act that goes against my will. That means, you are evil. I can't possibly overlook you. After all! I'm Justice!!□

Seigi drew out her sword.

□Reina shall help desu desu!□

Reina also took out her sword Pon-chan from her pocket dimension and took a stance toward Seigi.

□Oops, your opponent is this me.□

Hachimaki also unsheathed his sword and approached while holding his sword loosely at his side.

□Oi, rookie. Don't get involved this time.□

Nihondou Swordia was standing by at some distance away.

Cold sweat trickled down the cheek of Reina who was staring at Hachimaki.

□He seems strong desu.....desu□

Hachimaki placed his sword on his shoulder and grinned.

□You seems weak though. But devil can't be judged from their appearance. Don't let me down yeah.□

As soon as he finished speaking, Hachimaki slashed at Reina.

Sparks scattered between the two.

And then Hachimaki moved to the side while keeping his sword locked with Reina's. He was naturally leading Reina away from Neith.

There was no more nuisance with this. Seigi readied her naked blade while stepping toward Neith.

□Even so, it's not just Lovers, we will also be able to finish off the escaped prey and even the Chariot on top of that.....fufu. Good grief, my stupid big sister is truly blessed with luck—!□

An attack came flying from an unexpected direction. It knocked down Seigi's sword.

It was an arrow.

□You.....Himekami Lizel!□

Lizel was aiming her bow Cupid from some distance away. She was staring at Sannou Seigi.

□It's unexpected that you visit here together with Rikimaru. Whatever brought that on I wonder?□

□I simply came across my stupid big sister nearby. It's slightly irritating even for me.□

□Oh, is that so.□

Senpai said while firing the second arrow nonchalantly.

Seigi cut down Lizel-senpai's arrow with a speed that couldn't be followed by naked eye.

□Fuh. Do you think an arrow of this level can possibly hit me?□

Seigi smiled coldly. That smile sent a cold shiver on my back.

She was able to knock down that attack.....as expected from a devil king candidate. As I felt astonished like that—,

Neith was already passing through beside Seigi with Poran in her arms. She also passed in front of Swordia who was further ahead and withdrew from the battlefield.

Seigi had taken off her eyes from Neith and Poran in order to knock down Lizel-senpai's arrow.

□Kuh.....! Swordia, why did you let them get away!?□

Swordia replied like a doll at Seigi's scolding.

□I was told to not get involved.□

.....It seemed, that girl didn't have any flexibility.

Seigi turned her gaze back to Lizel-senpai without hiding her irritation.

□Well fine. That kind of animal is nothing more than a side entertainment in the end. More importantly—□

Seigi pointed the tip of her sword to senpai.

□You are the more valuable prey.□

□I wonder, which one of us is the prey here?□

□Stop prattling. Something like bow and arrow.....is useless in close range!□

An instantaneous step. Seigi struck with a sharp slash.

However, Lizel-senpai calmly dodged the fierce attack with a beautiful agility.

And then she astonishingly fired from such close range.

□-!?!□

Seigi put up a defensive magic, but she was still sent flying until dozens of meters away.

□You bastard.....□

□Yuuto, leave Seigi to me!□

Lizel-senpai left those words behind before heading to Seigi on her own this time.

I kept my gaze fixed on Sannou Rikimaru who was standing imposingly on the bridge's railing while talking to Miyabi beside me.

□Miyabi, let's take her on with both of us.□

□Rooger!□

□Ahahahaha! Trying to defeat Rikimaru-chan with just two people, that's super impossible! After all!□

Rikimaru's figure vanished.

□—!?!□

Rikimaru's body dropped from the night sky that was decorated by fireworks.

□Rikimaru-chan is just too powerful after all-!!□

□Run Miyabi!□

Rikimaru's kick exploded the ground like a meteor. An explosive sound as though a firework had exploded on the ground roared. Grass and soil were blasted high in the air.

My body almost got blown away by the violent shockwave.

□Miyabi! Are you alright!?!□

□Yep, I'm fine.....but□

Miyabi replied hesitantly. When I looked her way, there was one more silhouette there. The figure that was hazy from the dust cloud that Rikimaru caused was bursting with muscles.

□Yuugaoze! Today is the day I surpass you!□

—Strength's Queen, Ishiwari Flor.

Miyabi responded with a fed up face.

□I'm tired of hearing that line already! Just why are you seeing me as your rival so much like that-!□

□Because, you're just right for me as a close by target! I need an opponent that I can beat easily. That way will give me more motivation and it also leave me in good mood!□

□You're a real nuisance! Don't try to assert your dominance as you please like that!□

Miyabi clenched her fists and took a fighting stance.

With this it would be difficult for me to count on Miyabi's support.

□Miyabi, take care of her!□

□Y-yep. But, are you gonna be fine Yuuto?□

□Yeah, no worries!□

Although I said that, this was an opponent that I was helpless against before this. What should I do in the end—,

Rikimaru was having a wide smile that didn't look like someone who was going to be in a battle to death after this. That was just how confident she was. There wasn't any factor that would make her lose against me. Her expression was filled with such conviction.

□Oi, Morioka Yuuto.□

I thought she would immediately came punching. Instead she put her hands on her waist and talked haughtily at me.

□What is your relationship with the Death devil king candidate?□

□What?□

□That man, he looks like he is covering for you no matter how I look at it. Is he your friend?□

He is.....covering for me?

□I don't know what you mean at all.□

I didn't know at all whether he was really covering for me.....but, I had doubt.

Why did that guy intentionally came to meet me?

Besides, he said that both of us were rebels of the devil king academy.....I understood what he wanted to say, but why did that guy bring that up at our first meeting with each other?

Of course, there was a possibility that he was trying to trick me.

However—,

□Rikimaru.....you are, unexpectedly not an idiot huh?□

Rikimaru's lips loosened into a grin.

□Hahahaha, Rikimaru-chan isn't an idiot you know. Anyway, I'll break two or three of your limbs before making you spit out everything, so look forward to it!□

□Sorry, but I'll beg off from that.□

I activated the magic formula that I had been secretly constructing.

□ThundergiaThunder God Raiju!!□

It was the advanced magic of lightning type. A lightning monster came out from the magic circle that materialized in front of me.

It was a shining beast with the appearance of tiger. However, it didn't have a physical body. It was a magic beast that was made from lightning attack. It emitted electricity from its whole body and fierce crackling that sounded like a growl resounded from it.

No matter how fast Rikimaru's movement was, she wouldn't be able to keep up with it. This magic would chase after the prey and finished it with lightning speed.

□Even though you can punch back flame, you won't be able to do that with this one!□

□Hahaha, lightning beast huh! Rikimaru-chan was also planning to hunt down one!!□

Thundergia assaulted Rikimaru.

□Haaaaaaa.....□

Rikimaru clenched her fist.

Don't tell me.....she was planning to punch even lightning attack with her fist's pressure?

□HAAAH!!□

She punched the ground with her fist. The ground cracked and the ground rose up to become a shield from the impact. Thundergia got dispersed by the ground wall. The grasses were instantly scorched and the soil smoked from the high heat. However the majority of the electric energy was flowing into the ground.

Rikimaru jumped back and landed in the river. She was submerged until her knees, and then she launched an uppercut that scooped the water.

□Wha.....-!?!□

The river's water rose to the air as though it was sucked up by something. The great amount of water rained down on Thundergia and scattered the lightning energy. And then Thundergia's form vanished immediately.

□Kuh.....□

□Now now, what are you going to do next!□

She held up her fist. It was the stance to swing a big punch. There was a distance of several dozen meters between us.

And yet, a violent shockwave assaulted me.

□Guh.....oh!?!□

My yukata was torn and my skin was cut. I was sent flying and rolled backward.

□Still not yet!□

One more attack came. Rikimaru's fist launched a flame. The intense air friction was causing combustion phenomenon.

The grasses caught fire. That flame was heading toward me.

□Shit!□

I rolled to dodge desperately. The spot where I was at just now was dug up and the grasses burst into flames.

□Dammit.....Strongest again!□

I jumped on my feet and tried to attack from my end too. However—,

□That's why I'm saying that you're too slow!□

Rikimaru was right in front of me.

□HAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!□

It was a terrific consecutive blows. It looked like she had multiple fists, seriously.

□GUWAAAAAAAAAAAAH!?!□

Of course I put up defensive magic. However, it was painful even then. The Barricade was dented and the fist attacked me mercilessly.

I vomited blood while rolling on the grass.

□Yuuto!?□

I could hear Lizel-senpai's worried yell.

However even senpai was fighting the Justice devil king candidate. I shouldn't wait for her to save me, I'm the one who had to defeat Rikimaru quickly and went to help her!

I put all my strength into my legs and stood up.

□I'm fine over here! Please believe in me!! I'll finish this right away and go over there!□

□Yuuto.....□

Lizel-senpai bit her lips.

□Alright. I believe in you Yuuto.□

And then she turned a sharp gaze toward Seigi.

□Here I come, Seigi□

Lizel-senpai instantly moved until the bridge using TranzartSpace Transfer.

□I see, you want to attack me one-sidedly by taking distance.....I won't let you!□

Seigi also used Tranzart to close the distance instantly. However Lizel-senpai had also teleported to far away.

□Lizel-senpai.....□

I was concerned, but I had no leeway to worry here. Lizel-senpai would be fine if it was her. I should focus on myself. The enemy before me—Sannou Rikimaru, I had to manage against her somehow!

That Rikimaru was laughing with an expression that contained no stress at all for the outcome of this battle.

□Ahahaha, your reliable Card has also gone to somewhere else. Now I can ask you about Lost without any nuisance getting in the way!□

□Why are you that fixated to Lost?□

Rikimaru frowned and looked diagonally above.

□Because, that guy isn't a normal devil I guess?□

Isn't, normal?

Even though he was low class, he was still a devil. There should be no way that he wasn't normal.

□And you also aren't normal! Is that why you get along with that guy?□

□.....I'm the one who want to ask that question.□

I fired an explosive type advanced magic.

□Destructsheat!!□

A fire pillar instantly rose up at the river. The flame blast spread and hot gust blew.

□!?!□

□I'm telling you, that's pointless!□

Rikimaru had leaped toward me in the blink of eye.

Shit.....my magic didn't work at all against her just like last time.

The unknown magic that was sleeping inside Lovers arcana.

I didn't know what kind of magic it was, but if I could use it.....

□UryaryaryaryaryaryaaAAAAAAAAAAAA!!□

Blows that felt like shotgun shot attacked me.

I used defensive magic while also using martial art to somehow avoided lethal damage. My training with Miyabi paid off.

However thanks to firing off advanced magic one after another, my remaining mana was already low.

—Then, I got no choice.

□Infinite Lovers!!□

Mana was overflowing inside my body.

□Ooh? What, what! Your mana is suddenly skyrocketing!?!□

□Yeah, the main event is starting now! Rikimaru!!□

I activated Maximize, Stride, and Armored simultaneously.

If magic didn't work, then I'd also use physical attack! I'd decide this with hand-to-hand fighting!!

□UOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!□

Making use of my training with Miyabi, I used tricky movement while letting out probing punches.

□Ahahaha! It's completely useless!□

Rikimaru was easily handling my attacks. And then when she found an opening, she casually thrust her hand forward. Her palm hit my chest.

□Guhah.....!!□

My rib was screaming.

My body was blown backward for several meters while I was still standing.

Shit! Even if the mana that Infinite Lovers produced was vast, I got no magic to make use of it!

My power was increasing considerably using Maximize. However it was unable to compete against Strongest.

What—should I do!?

The time limit approached while I was at a lost like that.

It felt like despair was going to envelop me. It was then—,

□Yuuto-kun!!□

Something flew out from above the embankment.

It was two sphinxes. And then an ancient armored chariot was being pulled by those two.

The one holding the rein with the expression of preparedness for death was—

□Neith!?

Neith's hand reached out from the chariot that was running ferociously. I grabbed that hand and got on the chariot. There was also Poran there hanging on the seat so that she wouldn't get dropped.

□Why are you back!?

Then Poran looked up at me with a resolved gaze.

□Neith-sama and Yuuto had saved Poran woof! Poran want to return the favor, but Poran can't do anything woof!

□Poran.....

□That's why.....at the very least, Poran don't want to become a hindrance woof!

She yelled with a lot of tears gathering in her eyes.

Neith who was holding the rein chuckled.

□She threw a tantrum so that I come back no matter what.

Neith looked at me with a smile.

□She said she don't want Yuuto-kun to die because of her fault.

□Poran.....you're really.....

I caressed Poran's head. Poran's eyes narrowed happily.

Neith's chariot crossed the embankment and got on the roadway. There wasn't even a single car around for some reason. It seemed a barrier to drive away people was laid out along the river. Because of that there was no stopping Neith from driving her chariot with a terrific speed.

I turned back curiously, but I couldn't see Rikimaru's figure. As expected, she couldn't catch up with this speed.

However, we couldn't just run away like this.

□Neith.

□Yes, I know. But, I have a request before that.

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Part 5

Hachimaki Tougou swung down a sharp slash from his tall body.
Reina blocked that sword right from the front and deflected it.
□Heheh! So you can block this guy! Your sword is heavy even though you got small body like that. As I thought, you're quite something huh!□
Hachimaki swung around his sword with his large body like wind. Reina intercepted them all with her sword that was longer than her body.
With her small body, it looked like Reina was the one who got swung around by her large sword. However, that was Reina's style. Her strong bond with Pon-chan was forming a magnificent coordination between them.
Reina displayed a footwork that was like a pro boxer. With a tricky movement she brought her long sword until near Hachimaki.
And then a heavy and sharp slash shot out.
Hachimaki blocked it, however the impact pushed him backward.
□I see.....you're using that fast small body to move a sword with destructive power. But□
Hachimaki lifted his sword until the height of his eyes and pulled back his arms.
His stance looked like he was aiming with a rifle.
□Let's go, Three333.□
Reina's spine shivered.
She put up Barricade and took a defensive stance.
Hachimaki charged forward.
□UOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!□
Thrust, and then thrust, and more thrust.
Three stages thrusts. And then—,
He stepped forward even more.
Reina had somehow blocked the three stages thrusts, but the three stages thrusts attacked once more just as she had relaxed slightly.
—*No way!?*
Reina's Barricade was smashed.
However, she could manage somehow from here if she fixed her posture.
Just as she thought that—,
The third three stages thrusts attacked the defenseless Reina.
□KYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!□
Her yukata was cut apart and Reina's small body rolled on the grass.
□So you could endure it until the third one, you're really something yeah.□

Hachimaki sheathed his sword in satisfaction.

□Uu.....□

Hachimaki called at Reina who was groaning in pain.

□Just sleep there. Your devil king candidate is going to be dealt with by boss Rikimaru soon. You don't need to also go down with him.□

□Reina won't.....give up desu, desu.□

Reina used both her hands to rise.

□Hoo.....I like your guts. How about it? Do you want to come to Justice?

Even your senior disciple is also there.□

□That's.....□

Reina stood up and looked down on herself.

She saw her shredded yukata.

□.....□

□Hm? What's wrong? It's not a bad offer—□

□Unforgivable, desu.....desu□

□Haa?□

Hachimaki frowned.

□Mama, made this yukata for Reina desu. For Reina, mama.....and yet.....□

Reina's eyes glinted.

Killing intent seethed from her whole body.

□Now this is terrifying.....her mana, her killing intent, it's on another level from before.□

Cold sweat formed on Hachimaki's forehead.

□But, interesting.□

Reina held her sword with one hand. She placed her sword on her shoulder and dropped her waist to take a low stance.

□Here I go! Threes□

The ground under Reina's feet exploded.

Hachimaki made a start dash. It was to unleash the Threes' first three stages thrusts.

However—,

It was like he had lost the sense of distance in his sight.

Reina was already within his attack range.

—*This girl!?*

Reina's speed was faster than Hachimaki.

The distance was closed in an instant.

Reina rushed forward before the opponent could let out his thrust while swinging down the sword that she shouldered.

—*Crap.*

He was slashed the moment that thought crossed his mind.

□GUOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOH!

!□

He was slashed in a straight line from his shoulder downward.

Blood spurted out showily.

However, it wasn't a lethal wound. It was impossible for him to fight anymore, but he wouldn't die.

□S.....shit□

He looked up to the small sword master who defeated him.

□Tsk.....to think, I'll get killed by.....an ankle biter like you□

Hachimaki laid down spread eagled in resolve.

□Kill me.□

However Reina lowered her sword.

□You, you tried to save Reina desu.□

□.....Hah?□

□That's why, Reina will also save you.□

□See here.....you will get killed right away if you say something like that you know?□

However Reina smiled kindly.

□Mama will scold Reina if Reina killed someone just for damaging a yukata desu desu.□

□.....□

Hachimaki looked up to the kid who defeated him with an exasperated face. It was just too stupid that he didn't have the energy to say anything anymore.

At that time, Reina felt new mana approaching and looked up.

A muscular group came from the river terrace. Most likely they were the Cards of Strength.

□Reina has a business to take care of. Farewell farewell.□

She lifted her sword once more and ran.

The blindfolded girl approached Hachimaki who was left behind alone.

□You.....why the hell are you just watching by yourself?□

□Because I was told to not interfere.□

□Well yeah I told you that, but still.....□

□Should I pursue?□

Hachimaki looked to the side and stared at the back of Reina who was fighting the Cards of Strength.

□.....No need. Lend me a hand instead. I'm going home.□

Swordia quietly helped Hachimaki to stand up.

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Part 6

Neith was staring fixedly at me on the parked chariot.

□Yuuto-kun.....I want you to make me your Card.□

—Eh?

□.....□

I was taken aback and stared back at Neith's face reflexively.

Neith.....becoming my Card?

I couldn't understand the meaning of that. My head was in chaos.

Calm down. Err.....

Neith was the Chariot devil king candidate. She was saying that she wanted to become Lovers' Card.

.....It was a completely unimaginable development.

In the first place, was something like that possible?

□Neith, why are you.....?□

□I had said it before hadn't I? It's impossible for me to win the devil king war.....but, there is nothing I can do, I can only give up, I thought. But, Stella and Lizel contacted me. They said they want to borrow my beach for the summer vacation.□

Neith looked down slightly.

□I can only talk, with Stella and Lizel at most.....that's why, I thought that perhaps this is some kind of sign. I thought that perhaps it would be better if I lend my strength to either of them.□

I never thought that Neith would think like this.....

□Stella and Lizel. I didn't know what to do but.....I had a chance to talk about many things with Lizel while living in the same cottage during the training camp. Besides, I was able to observe everyone's strength. Everyone said that Lovers is the weakest but, it feels like this time is different.

Besides.....□

Neith's cheeks slowly reddened.

□After talking with Yuuto-kun, I thought that perhaps, my wish can be granted if it's Yuuto-kun.□

□Neith.....□

Neith lifted up her face once more and turned her clear gaze toward me.

□Yuuto-kun. I too have to protect Carnac House. I have to protect my territory and people. I don't know what the other devil king candidates will do after they become the devil king, but I think if it's Yuuto-kun then I can

trust you. That's why.....if you will protect everyone's life and freedom, then I want to place my bet on Yuuto-kun![]

[]Poran also ask that you grant Neith-sama's request woof![]

Poran who was quietly sitting on the floor stood up.

Her pure eyes were looking up at me in prayer.

[]Neith.....Poran.....[]

It felt like the weight of these two got added on my shoulders.

[]Neith.....[]

Neith's throat gulped.

[]I also realized from this battle. I'm still not strong enough. I'm working hard to become stronger, but I'm still hopeless right now. I might not be able to win in the battle against Rikimaru and Seigi.[]

[]Yuuto-kun.....[]

Neith's face clouded in anxiety.

[].....That's why, I need you Neith.[]

Neith's eyes widened.

[]If Neith become my Card, I swear I'll win against Rikimaru! I swear I'll also grant your wish without fail![]

[].....Yuuto-kun.[]

Neith's face brightened like a blooming flower.

[]Neith! Lend me your strength![]

[]Yes-![]

I placed my hands on Neith's upper arms.

[]Then.....the contract's ceremony.[]

[].....Yes.[]

I brought my face closer to Neith.

Her brown skin was blushing faintly. Her blue eyes glistened from the pooling tears.

Looking at her from this close, I noticed for the first time that her eyelashes were this thick and long.

Her eyes were closed. I also closed my eyes naturally.

My lips touched something soft.

A kiss with Neith.

Neith opened her lips and proactively extended her tongue.

It was a bit surprising, but I also answered her feeling. I welcomed Neith's tongue and entangled it with my tongue to caress the surface.

Arcana's voice resounded inside my head.

[]Neith Carnac become Suit Card number VII.[]

Our lips parted and we stared at each other.

Strangely Neith's face looked different. Perhaps it was because we had finished the contract, it felt like the distance between us had become close, as though there was more intimacy, affection between us.

Besides, she had been pretty from the start but.....she looked even cuter now.....hm? VII?

□Oi, Arcana. Why VII? Neith is a devil king candidate you know? The Ace or Prince spots are still open.□

□There is the wish from the contractor that is used in this case.□

□Neith's wish?□

When I looked, Neith was putting her hands on her chest in embarrassment.

□Because.....I'll be above Lizel as Ace.....and something like Prince, I'm not someone gallant at all.....the Chariot is the devil king's arcana number seven.....that's why□

Well, if that was what Neith wanted, then it couldn't be helped. She was humble and reserved like usual—.

Suddenly Neith rolled up her uniform. Her brown breasts that were wrapped in white bra were exposed.

□Wha-!? N-Neith!?□

□Perhaps because I have become a Card.....I can sense that Yuuto-kun is in pain. It's like in the training camp isn't it? You used Infinite Lovers too much right?□

□Y-yeah.....so you know.□

□Because I had watched all the time. All that time.....I was jealous.□

□Heh?□

Neith looked over her shoulder.

□Poran, turn around and close your ears okay?□

□If it's Neith's sama's request!□

Poran quickly turned around and pushed down the ears on her head to flatten down.

Neith immediately unfastened the hook at the front of her bra.

□We have to hurry.....□

Neith quickly took off her bra and her breasts burst out into my sight for the first time.

Brown skinned breasts, and nipples with pale coloring.

I was unconsciously captivated by the beauty. However I immediately returned to my senses.

□E-err? Neith-san?□

Where in the world the reserved and shy Neith had vanished to!?

□I'll do Healing Lovers for you okay?□

□B-but.....□

□This is only natural for Yuuto-kun's Card right?□

She said that while grabbing my wrist and leading it to her chest.

□Ah♥□

Neith's skin pressed perfectly on my palm.

□I-it feels good.....♥ Even though it's just a touch, amazing.....to think, it's this much□

That's my line.

The springy texture was unique. It gave me an indescribable pleasure.

And then I was surprised by the mana that flowed in.

It was a thick mana that was heavily condensed. When it flowed into my body, it felt like the mana softly spread to my whole body. This was the first time I felt this.

So this.....was the mana of devil king candidate.

Even though I was only touching her breast, my mana was filled to the brim in the blink of eye and even the damage from using Infinite Lovers was healing.

□During the training camp.....I also, wanted to do it, the whole time.....□

Neith confessed with an expression that melted in pleasure.

I took my hand off from her breast and embraced her.

□But, from here on Neith will also join in.□

Neith also put her hands around my back.

□Yes.....□

It was a small embrace. And then we separated from each other.

□Charging complete. Let's go back to the battlefield, Neith.□

□Yes! Leave it to me!!□

Neith lifted Poran's hands from her ears and told her to lay down on the chariot's floor.

□Then, let's fly!□

Neith swung the rein.

The sphinxes stood up on their hind legs, then they broke into a dash instantly.

□Let's launch a surprise attack! Can you do it, Neith?□



□I'll do it!□

□I'll also unleash Infinite Lovers from here!□

Mana overflowed from inside my body. That light vanished as though it got sucked into Neith's chariot.

□.....What? This—uwah!?!□

□Kyah!?!□

□Woofffff!?!□

The chariot unbelievably accelerated like a rocket. Pressure pressed down on my whole body.

The acceleration was even more terrific than when a plane took off.

□W-w-wha—□

It seemed that Neith was also startled. Her eyes were opened wide.

□N-Neith!? What's wrong suddenly!□

□I don't know.....but, this feels like, Yuuto-kun's Infinite Lover is, flowing into my Top Runner.□

Don't tell me.....

My mana was.....powering up Neith's characteristic magic?

Did Infinite Lover has that kind of ability?

But, if that was the case—,

Perhaps we could win even against Rikimaru's Strongest!

The chariot dashed through the road along the river in an instant.

□Let's go, Yuuto-kun!□

□Yeah! I'm counting on you Neith!!□

Neith's chariot crossed the river's embankment and jumped. It flew high in the air.

We glided through the sky above the river terrace and falling.

Ahead of there was—,

□Tsu!?!□

Sannou Rikimaru was watching the fight of her comrades with her arms folded. We caught her by surprise there.

When she turned around, surprise and fear showed on Rikimaru's face.

However, that only lasted for an instant.

Rikimaru's body was sent flying to the air.

The chariot accelerated even further to target her when she came down.

The spear that was installed at the side of the chariot sprang up to the front in order to pierce Rikimaru.

□Kuh.....!□

Rikimaru rotated her body while falling and punched.

□DON'T UNDERESTIMATE MEEEEEE!!□

A large explosion occurred at the right side of the chariot. The chariot floated in the air.

□UOOOOOOOOOOOOO!?!□

However the sphinxes immediately changed direction and controlled the chariot's orientation. The chariot rotated once in the air and landed back on the ground splendidly.

Behind the chariot, Rikimaru's body fell to the ground and bounced. A normal human would be seriously injured, but Rikimaru skillfully somersaulted and stood on the ground like a gymnastic athlete.

However, blood was flowing from her forehead.

□How dare you, do that to this Rikimaru-chan.....□

Rikimaru let out a punch with large swing to vent out her overflowing killing intent.

The shockwave split the ground and headed toward their way.

□Hah!□

Neith swung her rein. The rein hit the sphinxes' backs like whip.

The chariot broke out running in a flash and escaped the punch's shockwave.

However, Rikimaru was swinging around her arms senselessly. Each of her punch contained a power that would definitely bring instant death if it hit.

□URAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!□

A full powered punch split the river and shook the bridge.

A sound as though a temple's bell got hit many times in succession reverberated. There was also the sound of something splitting.

And then unbelievably the bridge that was made from concrete and steel frame broke from the middle.

□.....tsu!□

The concretes fell into the river with only the bridge pier remaining intact.

The only silver lining here was there was no car running on it thanks to the barrier. However Rikimaru might crush even the surrounding civilian houses now that she wasn't discriminating anymore.

□Fifteen more seconds until Infinite Lovers' limit.□

Arcana's warning made me strengthened my resolve.

I emitted even more of Infinite Lovers' mana and yelled.

□Neith! Let's finish this!□

□Yes-!□

Neith swung the rein on the sphinxes' backs.

The chariot swiftly accelerated like a jet fighter toward Rikimaru.

Would Strongest's absurd physical power won, or would Top Runner's rushing force won—this clash would decide!!

Rikimaru held both her hands forward and yelled with a furious expression.

□Come! Chariot!!□

Neith roared.

□TRAMPLEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!□

Strongest and Top Runner collided.

An explosive sound roared. Shockwave caused large waves to form on the rivers. The ground shook and all the rocks on the dry riverbed got bounced to the air simultaneously.

□NUOAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!□

Rikimaru was pushing the two sphinxes with her hands.

Shit-! What absurd strength!!

□Just this much.....strength is justice.....strength is

POWERRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR!!□

Cracks entered the masks the sphinxes were wearing. The sound of metal creaking was also coming from below.

□Yuuto-kun! W-we're getting pushed back!!□

Shit-!

Wasn't there anything?

The current me still didn't have a powerful attack magic.

It was still in the middle of summer vacation. I had still gone through half of the training process.

If only I had weapon like Lizel-senpai—,

No,

I also had one didn't I?

A magic spear.

It wasn't a weapon but, it was a powerful magic.

However, it was a dangerous magic.

I had only used it in a limited fashion until now.

How much destructive power it could produce now that my mana capacity had increased? And then, what would happen in the end when it was directly used on the opponent—,

□Five more seconds until Infinite Lovers' limit.□

There was no time to hesitate!

I dragged out the forbidden unresolved magic formula.

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□World Fall!!□

.

□What!?!□

As expected even Rikimaru's eyes widened in shock.

The unresolved magic formula that was deployed on my left hand, World Fall. With that hand I—,



□I WON'T LET YOUUUUUUUUUUU!!□

□What!?!□

Rikimaru forcefully tossed away the chariot.

She completely stopped the Top Runner's charge and threw away the chariot.

The battle between two arcanas' characteristic magic ended in Strongest's victory.

—However,

□We aren't alone!□

I leaped out from the chariot quickly and attacked Rikimaru from above.

□Even Rikimaru-chan isn't alone at ALLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLL!!□

She punched toward me.

The shockwave hit me. It tore the air and split the sky.

—But,

□UOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOHH!

!□

□!?!□

World Fall destroyed the punch's shockwave. I continued falling—,

And broke Rikimaru's fist.

□—Ga!?—

My hand pierced Rikimaru's chest and destroyed half of her body.
I continued falling until the ground. The left arm that activated World Fall got buried into the ground. However, the limit of Infinite Lovers came at that moment and the magic formula crumbled.

—Did I do it!?

I got up on my feet with a staggering head and stared at Rikimaru.
Rikimaru was looking down on her half destroyed body with eyes of disbelief.

□What.....the hell, is this?□

And then black liquid oozed out from under her feet.

□Oi, stop it—something like this, must be a joke.....?□

The muddy liquid crawled up her body. Rikimaru's body was dragged into the ground.

□Rikimaru-chan is the Strength devil king candidate you know!? This, something like this.....□

Rikimaru's body was sinking into the ground.

□Seigi-chan.....sorry—□

She sank until her head, then the black swamp also got absorbed into the ground and vanished.

—I won.

The moment I felt relieved like that.

The ground under my feet began to undulate.

□This.....what is?□

It was different from an earthquake. A strange vibration. At the center of the hole that I opened with World Fall, the grass twisted and a vortex started to form.

This is, don't tell me—?

World Fall, was trying to collapse the riverside area?

A chill ran through my back.

—No, no way. It should be an impracticable theory that needed immense amount of mana.

That was why, collapsing what was within my arm's reach should be the best it could do.

That should be the case—!?

Gakun, my body dropped down.

The ground sank for several meters. And then the fissures on the ground spread to all directions.

□Y-Yuuto-kun!?□

□Wait!? What's this woof!?□

I could hear Neith and Poran's scream.

The crack spread even further. Even the bridge pier of the bridge that Rikimaru destroyed was starting to sink.

The river's water whirled and flowed into the depressed spot.

And then the embankment made a sound of collapsing.

□Arcana! What in the world is going on!□

□Analysis—World Fall is rampaging. The effect is causing chain reaction. Collapse is spreading.□

□.....Wha□

No good.

If I didn't stop it somehow!!

□How far this collapse is going to spread!?!□

□It's estimated that it will spread until 80% of the planet surface until the mana decay and the chain reaction are offsetting each other.□

□.....Haa!?!□

Planet!?

This wouldn't be a commotion that stopped with just a city's destruction.

□And the way to stop it!?!□

□Unclear.□

□Wha.....that's.....no way!?!□

World Fall could really collapse the world!?

So this was—unresolved magic formula.

I was able to use it well until now. It resolved all the troubles I encountered. It made me thought that I could use it well.

—I was naïve.

I was unable to understand the whole magic.

When using a lot of mana, the execution condition was different and it reached a different result. The magic was unstable and became easy to run wild. The effect was spreading even after the mana was consumed.

The chain reaction was continuing endlessly even while I was thinking like this.

Gust of wind blew violently like a tornado. Cloud was whirling in the sky.

Was the world going to end because of something like this?

Because of my fault—,

What had I done—,

I stared at the spreading destruction while despair was beating my whole body.

□.....?□

A residential area was spreading at the other side of the embankment.

However, not a single house was collapsing.

When I surveyed the scenery, the collapse was stopping right at the embankment.

Strange.

With the momentum just now, the city should have been swallowed already—,

□Good grief.....you are being a bit too naughty you know, Yuuto?□

—Eh?

Before I realized it, a tall man was standing behind me.

His face was unshaven, his eyes looked sleepy. He was a middle aged man who looked slightly like a bad guy.

His military uniform style jacket was fluttering within the raging wind. He was sporting a cynical smile.

□.....Headmaster, Gandou.□

□Well, it's those who are at least that naughty who are promising though!□

After saying that, he held his hand forward and made a gesture as though he was grabbing something unseen.

Then, the range of World Fall was narrowing as though something was pushing it back.

□This is, is headmaster.....?□

□Hahaha, though I look like this, I was the Strength devil king candidate!□

□The Strength.....□

But, Rikimaru couldn't do something like this. That girl's power was also amazing but, what the headmaster was doing right now was in different dimension.

Headmaster stared at the spot where Rikimaru was swallowed by the black swamp with a pitying gaze.

□Rikimaru too, she was stupid but she was an adorable fellow though.....□
However—,

□She was completely unable to draw out the power of Strength arcana. It's only natural that she lose.□

His sentence reversed to words that coldly discarded her. It chilled the inside of my chest.

A sharp gaze caught me.

□Listen well. The value of devil king arcana will change depending on its owner. What's important is how much you can face the arcana and draw out the value that is sleeping inside the arcana and yourself.□

□Drawing out.....value□

I recalled what Reina taught me, about drawing out the sword's value.

□Rikimaru was under the impression that the energy from punching and kicking is everything. But the Strength's ability isn't something like that. It can control all strength that exist in this world. If the strength that is operating between the material particle is manipulated like this—□

And then headmaster clenched his fist and swung his hand toward the sky.

In that instant, World Fall's effect completely vanished.

The wind stopped. The shaking of the ground also stopped.

He looked like the conductor that commanded the whole world.

□—Strength is invincible.□

The devil king, Gandou Barbatos grinned.

□But, the same thing can be said for all arcanas. The point is the way to use it and then affinity. But, until now there is an arcana that has never meet the right match.□

□.....Lovers.□

□That's right. But, that also mean that inside it there is a treasure that nobody has managed to excavate yet.□

□Treasure.....□

□I wonder, can the human Morioka Yuuto discover it?□

The current devil king, the devil king academy's headmaster.

He was a joker who always fooled around and would only talk about anime.

But, was that really the case?

This person seemed relaxed and didn't put on any air, but it also felt like such aspect wasn't his true self at all. When his frivolous expression was flipped, I got the feeling that I might find the mouth of terrifying abyss gaping wide open behind it.

In addition, I just saw a portion of his true strength.

I couldn't imagine myself ever winning against him. This person was stronger than any devil that I had met until now.

□.....Headmaster, why did you start the devil king war?□

□What?□

□Isn't it too early for you to retire? Even your strength.....I don't know how it was in the past, but there is no doubt that you are among the strongest even now. And yet, why?□

□Aa.....□

The headmaster frowned and tilted his head.

□.....When the devil king war is held, for some reason strong devils will appear in that generation.□

□Strong, devils?□

□The reason is unknown. Perhaps they simply get motivated, or perhaps they are training for the devil king war, anyway the statistics has proven it as true.□

□And.....why is strong devils are needed?□

Suddenly the headmaster grinned like a delinquent youth.

□I want an enemy. And not just any normal enemy, but an extraordinarily strong guy.□

Epilogue

Everyone's battle got suspended because of the World Fall's commotion.

And then when Rikimaru's defeat came to light,

□No way.....□

Ishiwari Flor lost the justification to fight Miyabi.

□Looks like that's it, Flor.□

□That's.....irrelevant! If I can just beat you up—□

She must have gotten into a fierce fight with Miyabi. Her whole body was covered with bruises and she was heaving for breath.

□Then that's not a devil king war anymore, but just a brawl. I refuse doing something like that.□

Miyabi was also beaten up quite a lot. Her yukata was worn out and fresh bruises covered her skin.

On the other hand, Reina was—,

She also got her yukata cut up badly, but it didn't seem like there was any serious injury on her.

When I asked her, she said that Hachimaki Tougou and Nihondou Swordia had retreated. It seemed she had also defeated the majority of Strength's Card. Even though she was my little sister, she was too reliable, or perhaps terrifying?

□Only senpai is left.....□

Senpai who got into a duel with Seigi still hadn't returned.

□I think that it will be fine if it's senpai but.....□

Then Neith,

□I'll go search. Poran know her scent after all.□

She said that to me. Just as I was about to ask her to do so—,

A sound of explosion resounded. Smoke rose at the river terrace.

A girl who was very similar with Rikimaru was at the other side of that smoke. She was wearing an attire like a knight with a sword in hand.

□.....Seigi.□

The Justice devil king candidate, Sannou Seigi was returning alone.

Don't tell me, Lizel-senpai was.....no! Something like that was impossible!

Don't think of something stupid!!

Seigi's face didn't have the smile of victory. Her expression was brimming with uneasiness.

□Ne.....Nee-sama.....where is Nee-sama?□

She was breathing with heaving shoulders while muttering with a voice that was full with anxiety.

□I couldn't sense Nee-sama's mana anymore.....why? Did she retreat?□

She glared at Flor with a grim expression.

□Oi, Ishiwari Flor. Where did Nee-sama go?□

Flor dropped her gaze and muttered in frustration.

□Rikimaru-sama.....was defeated, by Lovers, Morioka Yuuto.....□

Seigi's eyes opened so wide that her eyes almost popped out.

□Lies.....□

□I also can't believe it. But.....□

□Lies. Something like that, is impossible.□

□Rikimaru-sama, fought magnificently till the.....□

□DON'T LIEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!□

Seigi's sword flashed and cut open Flor's chest.

□Flor!?□

Flor fell on the spot without even making any voice. Miyabi ran toward her and held up her body.

But Seigi didn't even seem to notice that she had cut down Flor.

She was walking unsteadily with staggering footsteps like a sleepwalker.

And then she stared at me with an empty gaze.

□Nee-sama, should be the next devil king.....there is no way, she can be defeated at this kind of place, much less against the like of you. Yes.....it's impossible. This joke isn't funny.□

I was overwhelmed by her eerie pressure.

Nee-sama.....she meant Rikimaru right? Her attitude toward Rikimaru was completely different from before.

This girl, did she actually love Rikimaru?

The headmaster answered in the place of the dumbfounded me.

□Sannou Rikimaru is dead. She lost against Yuuto.□

□.....Tsu!!□

All expression vanished from Seigi's face.

Her lips trembled fiercely.

□.....Lovers□

Mana and killing intent suddenly burst out from Seigi's whole body.

She stepped forward toward me with an expression that was like a demon.

□Kill, kill, kill, kill kill kill kill kill kill kill kill kill kill kill!!

LOVERSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS!!□

Seigi held up her sword to the sky and screamed. And then—,

□Sixers—□

The moment she was about to activate her characteristic magic,

□Guh!?□

An arrow pierced her right arm that was holding the sword.

□—Wha□

Blood was leaking out from her upper arm.

The arrow pierced the arm and stabbed into the ground.

That was, the arrow of Lizel-senpai's Cupid!? That meant!
I stared at the direction where the arrow came from.
However, there wasn't any sign of anybody there.
Seigi gritted her teeth with a gnashing sound.
□Damn you.....Himekami Lizel.....□
She changed the hold of her sword to her left hand and turned her gaze to the direction where the arrow came from just like me.
Something shined—the moment I thought that, an arrow had already reached Seigi.
□Nuaah!□
Seigi blocked the arrow with the flat side of her sword with astonishing reflex.
An explosion occurred.
□Guaaaaaaaaaaaaah!?!□
The arrow exploded powerfully.
I gulped. That was an arrow? It was like a missile.
Seigi collapsed, but she used her sword to support her body.
□Damn you.....you coward, Himekami Lize—□
One more arrow landed.
Violent explosive blast blew away Seigi's body even further.
She rolled on the ground like a broken doll.
Headmaster Gandou smiled in delight seeing the disastrous scene that made me wanted to close my eyes.
□It's unknown where she is firing from. Her aim is unmatched. The arrow's speed is too fast that the target can't even run away. And even if the arrow is blocked, it's meaningless because the arrow explode. Lizel-kun is fun as usual.□
Seigi clung on her sword to stand up.
She glared at me with a blood soaked face. Tears were flowing ceaselessly from both her eyes.
□Morioka Yuuto.....I'll kill you, even if it's the last thing I do! If not, I won't be able to face Nee-sama in the purgatory!!□
She gritted her teeth and dragged her body toward me while crying.
□.....Seigi.□
But, Lizel-senpai's merciless arrow flew again at her.
Senpai's aim wouldn't miss.
This time for sure—,
The arrow that would send Seigi to oblivion flew near.
It would pierce her body, stopped her life, and made her exit from devil king war definite.
That arrow stabbed Seigi's head—just before it happened,
The arrow vanished.
Together with the sound of the space being cut apart.
□.....What?□
Where—,

□Ufufu, an underhanded way of attacking like usual. But, the finishing blow will be one shot at the head. I have seen through that.□

A bewitching figure clad in black bondage suit had appeared before I noticed.

—The Hanged Man, Hayachine Yotaka.

There was a whip in her hand. That whip was winding around senpai's arrow.

Don't tell me.....she caught a flying arrow with that whip!?

□Also, when firing from an unseen place, you would definitely dispatch an eye.□

Yotaka threw away the arrow and swung her whip to right above.

A sharp tearing sound echoed through the dark sky. And then something that looked like green wings fluttered down.

It was a butterfly that was split into two.

Was this.....Lizel-senpai's hair ornament?

□Just when I thought there is a nuisance.....it's you just as expected.□

□Lizel-senpai!!□

Lizel-senpai's figure appeared at midair. She came down on the ground lightly.

Yotaka narrowed her eyes seeing senpai.

□Yes. I attacked the beach at the devil world based on Sannou Seigi's information but, the place was deserted. It took a lot of time to search for you until now.□

Seigi fell on her knees and stayed silent while looking down.

In that state, Seigi couldn't fight anymore. Hayachine Yotaka.....I didn't know what kind of power she had, but if she was alone—,

Just as I thought that, three silhouettes appeared from behind Yotaka.

Lizel-senpai's gaze sharpened even more.

□Looks like you aren't the only one who come to get in the way.....□

□Good grief. Did you try to monopolize the prey? And yet you got the table reversed on you, what a handful.□

—Death, Joudogahama Lost.

Standing beside him was Wheel of Fortune, Shimokadzuma Rinne.

At the opposite side was the Sun, Sansa Summers.

Lost realized that Headmaster Gandou was also here and sent him a glare.

□This is a talk between kids, so can the adult step out of it?□

□Eee? Sensei is getting ostracized, that's a bit lonely.....□

He muttered with a cowering look as though to ask for others to sympathize with him.

□Quickly.□

Lost replied coldly. Headmaster hunched down in dejection. And then he turned around and vanished into thin air.

□Now then.....let's start the second round.□

Cold sweat trickled down my cheek.

Our side already fought to the limit. We were wounded and also exhausted.

At the other side, Seigi was the only one exhausted. The other four were most likely in a perfect state.

Even just counting the number of the devil king candidates, it was five versus two.

There was no way we could win.

□But, before that—I'll ask one last question I guess.□

Lost suddenly smiled kindly and walked toward me.

And then, he whispered with a voice that couldn't be heard by anyone else.

□Become my comrade, Yuuto.□

□.....Lost.□

□Let's destroy this world with the two of us. We'll destroy this rotten world and remake it.□

I and Lost stared at each other from really close.

For some reason, my heart almost got stolen by that invitation.

No, it wasn't by the invitation.

Perhaps, what attracted my heart was about accomplishing something together with Lost.

Why?

For some reason, I didn't understand myself.

Some kind of very nostalgic and painful feeling was raging in my chest.

But—,

□I can't do that.□

□Eh?□

Lost made a surprised face.

It was as though his expression was saying that he couldn't believe what his ears heard.

□I want to create a world where everyone can live in peace with a smile. To do that, I think destroying everything that exist right now is a mistake.

That's why.....I can't become your comrade.□

Lost made a mortified gaze for a moment.

□.....As I thought, it's that woman's fault huh.□

□Eh?□

That woman.....he said?

Lost turned around and walked away from me.

However he then stopped walking.

He looked back.

His face that was always smiling calmly was distorted.

□Are you fine with that? You are going to die here you know? By an overwhelming difference in power. You have no chance of victory.□

Everyone's life was hanging on this decision.

Was it alright for me to make a decision for them? I also had such hesitation. Even so—,

□I can't betray everyone.□

Lost's expression twitched.

□I see.....I guess it's also fine if you want to die that much.□

And then he sported a cynical smile.

□Perhaps this place is also the right place for that.□

—What?

□Lost, what do you mean by that?□

□The talk is over already.□

Lost's atmosphere changed.

Ominous and eerie mana flowed out from his body.

□I'll kill you.□

When Lost announced that with an emotionless voice—,

□Don't talk as you please without even notifying this great me beforehand.□

—Eh?

There was a silhouette walking from the direction of the embankment. He had white uniform and grey hair that was clear to see even in the night.

□I'll be the one to kill that man. Don't intrude, you insolent fellow.□

□You.....□

□Kneel you lowlives! To this Aspite of the World!!□

□Aspite! You.....□

□You are also insolent, Morioka Yuuto. If you are back already, then you should come to my place and tell me.□

Eh?

□Sorry.....I think, Kaa-san forgot to tell me.□

Tsk, Aspite clicked his tongue and then he scowled as though he recalled something unpleasant.

□No matter. More importantly, it's three versus five with this. No, This me alone is worth three devil king candidates. That means we are evenly matched.□

His personality was like usual, but it was reassuring.

□—Then, the number of this side is superior if I join in then?□

□.....Ruki!?□

A beautiful girl.....no, a young man in sailor uniform was waving his hand while approaching.

When he arrived at my side, he pouted resentfully with puffed up cheeks.

□You're really horrible, Yuuto-kun. I was waiting the whole time at Hawaii.□

□Ah.....m-my bad.□

No, we didn't make any promise or anything right?

□But, are you alright with this, Ruki?□

When I asked him that, he smiled brightly as though he had gotten over his bad mood.

□Yep. Because, Yuuto-kun and me have special relationship♥□

.....Your wording.

□It's four versus five with this. In addition we also have Lizel-senpai. It's enough to fight.□

□.....□

Lost was staring at a single spot stiffly.

What's the matter?

When I followed his gaze—,
Neith?
No,
Poran who was in Neith's arms was also opening her eyes wide like a
saucer.
Her small mouth trembled and opened slowly.
□You are.....alive woof.....?□
—What?
My gaze returned to Lost reflexively.
Lost was always wearing a hood.
I never saw him taking off his hood.
A frown formed between Lost's eyebrows. Sweat was trickling from there.
□.....Are you, Poran?□
How, did he know that name?
Lost, you—don't tell me,
Tears spilled out from Poran's eyes.
□I'm glad woof.....Lost-niichan.□



Afterword

You can do anything if you are full of spirit! It's Kuji Masamune!
The new type Corona virus is really annoying, but after doing the countermeasures routinely, there is no need to fear it more than necessary. Perhaps we need to avoid the places where indeterminate amount of many people gather and talk a lot without wearing mask in close range but—compared to that, the danger in bookstore is really low! You can enjoy your time there alone, now is the time where we should reexamine the joy of book!

I'm writing this afterword at the timing when it's finally midsummer. My desire to go for a trip is completely leaking out in the trip development of this book. But, I can't find a tour that I can spend together with four beautiful girls in a resort no matter where I search. I believe this is due to the negligence of travel agency. They should design a Go To Devil World Campaign right away desu desu!

And the encounter in that devil world beach is with the Strength Rikimaru and the Justice Seigi (tangled word choice). Their character was faint when I was at the phase of planning the plot, but their characters are rapidly gaining depth as I write further. They have transformed into interesting characters. Perhaps the cover's illustration should be Rikimaru and Seigi? I even thought like that at the aftermath. This time the new character that made appearance at the cover is Hayachine Yotaka. An existence that is like Lizel-senpai's rival. Even though her outfit's exposure rate is almost zero, her eroticism is amazing. Her turn this time isn't that much, but please look forward to her activity from here on!

Also, this time it's Neith that stands out no matter how you look at it! Could it be.....she will join the fight as the long awaited new Card of Lovers!? But, Neith is also a devil king candidate.....it's impossible perhaps? But, could it be!? How would it be in the end, please look forward to it during your reading.

And then if you are interested, please spread the words about this series in SNS and by words of mouth too. Everyone's cooperation is necessary in order to make this series last for a long-term!

And then one more book of Maou Gakuen no Hangyakusha will come out this month! It's the first volume of the comic!! The comic that is being

serialized in monthly Dragon Age by Mizoguchi Zerachin-sensei will finally become the long awaited comic book! Please check it out too!!

Then to the thanks. This time I asked for something unreasonable even while moving forward. Thank you very much for the truly magnificent design and illustration! kakao-sensei!! This time too the illustrations are excessively the best just like every time from before! It makes me fired up too!! I'll do my best with full power from here on too so that the story can be worthy for the illustrations!! Editor Nakada-san. All the other people who are involved with the publication. All of you readers who are always giving me passionate support!! Thank you very much!

Then, let's beat up the strongest at the fifty volume too!!

Kuji Masamune

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